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Bill gets nod: Only buffalo meat in Ktaka

Bengaluru: The controversial anti cattle slaughter law came into effect in Karnataka on Monday, with governor Vajubhai R Vala giving his assent to the bill which makes it illegal to slaughter all cattle, barring buffaloes aged over 13.

The Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill, which will bring about an "almost-blanket beef ban" in the state, has become a law nearly three months after the it was passed in the assembly last year. TNN

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he government's inability to get the bill passed in the legislative council had forced it to take the ordinance route earlier. The law allows authorities to conduct search and seizure operations merely on suspicion, and to clamp down on transportation of cattle outside the state without certification from a

veterinarian or competent authority. It also allows government officials to act in "good faith"
— a clause that is being seen as a shield against unnecessary complaints against them.

The law also brings strict provisions of imprisonment of not less than three years and up to seven years on conviction, apart from a fine of not less than Rs 50,000 and up to Rs 10 lakh based on the severity of the offence.