

## New Zealand.



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1900, No. 73.

AN ACT to establish and define an Ensign for New Zealand. Title.

*[Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.]*

WHEREAS, by Proclamation under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, dated the twenty-third day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, it was declared, in accordance with the Queen's Regulations made under the provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament intituled "The Colonial Defence Act, 1865," that the flag hereinafter described should have the distinctive seal or badge of the Colony of New Zealand for all vessels belonging to, or permanently employed in, the service of the colony: And whereas the said flag has since been in general use for the purpose aforesaid, and also as the recognised ensign of the colony: And whereas it is desirable that the same flag should be by law established as the ensign of the colony for all purposes: Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The New Zealand Ensign Act, 1900." Short Title.

2. The New Zealand Ensign shall be the blue ensign of the Royal Naval Reserve, having on the fly thereof the Southern Cross as represented by four five-pointed red stars with white borders. Description of ensign.

3. Every person who defaces the New Zealand Ensign by placing any sign, representation, or letter thereon shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds. Penalty for defacing ensign.

4. This Act shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation in the *Gazette*: Provided that such Proclamation shall not be made unless it contains a statement that Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of this Act. Act reserved.