

New Zealand.



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1901, No. 26.

AN ACT to prohibit the Importation or Smoking of Opium. Title.
[25th October, 1901.]

BE IT 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 Opium Prohibition Act, 1901.” Short Title.

2. (1.) It is unlawful for any person to import into the colony opium in any form suitable for smoking. Importation prohibited.

(2.) Every person who commits any breach of this section is liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds.

3. (1.) It is unlawful for any person to import into the colony opium in any form which, though not suitable for smoking, may yet be made suitable, unless he holds a permit so to do, issued by the Commissioner of Trade and Customs. Permit.

(2.) Every such permit shall be in such form and issued under such conditions as are prescribed by regulations made under this Act.

(3.) No permit shall be issued to any person of the Chinese race.

(4.) Every person who commits any breach of this section is liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

4. The person named in the permit shall from time to time enter, or cause to be entered, in a book kept for that purpose— Transactions in opium to be recorded.

(1.) The quantity and description of opium imported by him under the permit, together with the date of such importation, the country whence imported, and the name of the person by whom the same was shipped.

(2.) Particulars stating how any such opium has been disposed of, whether by process of manufacture or by sale.

(a.) If by process of manufacture, the entry shall state the amount and description of opium used, and the purpose for which it is intended to be used, together with the date of such disposition.

(b.) If by sale, the entry shall state the amount and description of opium sold, together with the date of such sale, and the name and address of the purchaser, and every such entry shall be verified by the signature of such purchaser.

Penalty.

5. Every person who commits any breach of the last preceding section is liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Manufacture of opium for smoking prohibited.

6. (1.) It is unlawful for any person to manufacture opium within the colony in any form suitable for smoking.

(2.) Every person who commits any breach of this section is liable for each offence to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds.

Smoking opium illegal.

7. It is unlawful for any person to smoke opium.

Power of entry.

8. If any constable has reasonable cause to suspect that the smoking of opium is going on or is permitted in any house or premises, he may, under a search warrant, enter and search such house or premises, and seize and carry away any opium, and appliances for the smoking of opium, found therein :

Provided that a search warrant shall not be required in the case of any entry on premises occupied by Chinese.

Penalty for smoking opium.

9. If any person is found smoking opium, or permitting or abetting the smoking of opium, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Customs law applied.

10. "The Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882," is hereby incorporated with this Act.

Regulations.

11. The Governor may from time to time make such regulations for carrying this Act into effect as he thinks fit.