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AN ACT to regulate the sale and keeping of Title.
certain Poisons. [6th September 1866.]

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

I. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Sale of Poisons Act 1866.” Short Title.

II. No person under the age of seventeen years shall buy or sell the several poisons called arsenic corrosive sublimate prussic acid essential oil of bitter almonds almond flavour or strychnine and no person shall sell any of the aforesaid poisons to any person under the age aforesaid or buy any of the aforesaid poisons from any person under the age aforesaid and no person shall sell any of the said poisons unless the sale be made in the presence of a witness and no person shall sell any of the said poisons to any person who is unknown to the seller unless the purchaser be known to the witness and the witness be known to the seller. Restrictions on sale of certain poisons.

III. Every person who shall sell any of the aforesaid poisons shall forthwith and before the delivery of any such poison to the purchaser enter or cause to be entered in a fair and regular manner in a book to be kept by the seller for that purpose in the form set forth in the Schedule to this Act or to the like effect a statement of such sale with the name of the poison so sold the quantity thereof the purpose for which such poison is required or stated to be required the day of the month and year of the sale and the name place of abode and condition or occupation of the purchaser and of the witness into all which circumstances as well as the age of the purchaser the person selling such poison is hereby required and authorized to inquire of the purchaser before the delivery to such purchaser of the poison sold and such entries shall in every case be signed by the person making the same and shall also be signed by the purchaser unless such purchaser profess to be unable to write in which case the person making the entries shall add to the particulars of such sale the words “cannot write” and shall also be signed by the witness before the delivery to the purchaser of the poison sold. Particulars of every sale to be entered in a book.

Sale of Poisons.

Poisons to be labelled.

IV. Every packet bottle or other parcel containing any of the before-mentioned poisons or any opium laudanum white precipitate red precipitate sugar of lead oxalic acid sulphate of zinc or Goulard's extract which shall be hereafter sold or kept whether for sale or for any other purpose shall be clearly and distinctly labelled with a printed or written label having the name of the contents and the word "Poison" legibly printed or written thereon firmly affixed to such packet bottle or other parcel.

Provision for colouring arsenic.

V. No person shall sell any arsenic unless the same be before the sale thereof mixed with soot or indigo in the proportion of one ounce of soot or half an ounce of indigo at the least to one pound of arsenic and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity Provided always that where such arsenic is stated by the purchaser to be required for some purpose for which such admixture would according to the representation of the purchaser render it unfit such arsenic may be sold without such admixture.

Not to affect poisons in medicine or any wholesale dealing.

VI. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend to the sale of any of the aforesaid poisons when the same or any of them form or forms part of the ingredients of any medicine required to be made up or compounded according to the prescription of any medical practitioner or to affect dealings between one trader and another upon orders in writing in the ordinary course of dealings or to affect wholesale dealing upon orders in writing.

Penalties.

VII. If any person shall have keep or sell any of the aforesaid poisons save as authorized by this Act or on any sale of any of the aforesaid poisons shall deliver the same without having made and signed the entries hereby required on such sale or without having obtained such signatures to such entries as required by this Act or if any person purchasing any such poison shall give false information to the person selling the same in relation to the particulars which such last-mentioned person is hereby authorized to inquire of such purchaser or if any person shall sign his name as a witness to a sale of any of the aforesaid poisons to a person unknown to the person so signing as witness or if any person shall cause allow or permit any such poison to be bought or sold by any person who shall be under the age of seventeen years every person so offending shall for every such offence upon a summary conviction for the same before two Justices of the Peace be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds Provided that every person convicted as aforesaid shall be at liberty to appeal to any Court having jurisdiction for the time being to hear appeals upon summary convictions.

SCHEDULE.

Day of Sale.	Poison sold.	Quantity.	Purchaser's name place of abode and condition or occupation.	Witness's name place of abode and condition or occupation.

(Purchaser's signature) A. B. (Or if purchaser cannot write seller here to put the words "cannot write.")
Witness—E. F.

(Seller's signature) C. D.

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