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1895, No. 6.

AN ACT to amend "The Cemeteries Act, 1882."

[20th August, 1895.]

Title.

WHEREAS by section eighty-two of "The Cemeteries Act, 1882," it is enacted that any person, by will or deed duly executed, may direct that his or her body shall after death be disposed of by burning the same to ashes instead of by burial in the earth, and that the executor or executors of such person may carry into effect such direction: And whereas it is desirable proper appliances should be provided under due control for the cremation of the bodies of the dead:

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 Cemeteries Act 1882 Amendment (Cremation) Act, 1895."

Short Title.

2. This Act shall be read together with "The Cemeteries Act, 1882."

Act to be read with
"The Cemeteries
Act, 1882."
Interpretation.

3. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"Cremation" means the reduction to ashes of dead bodies by burning:

"Crematorium" means appliances and machinery and furnaces for effecting cremation, and includes any building in which any such appliance, machinery, or furnace may be fixed.

4. The Trustees of any cemetery may make provision for cremation, and may erect a crematorium, whether within the limits of the cemetery under their control or not.

Trustees of
cemetery may
make provision
for cremation.

5. The Trustees shall have the following powers, duties, and authorities, and may make such by-laws and regulations as may be

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necessary and proper for all or any of the purposes hereinafter mentioned:—

- (1.) For the maintenance, preservation, and embellishment of the crematorium, and of any building erected for the preservation of the ashes of the dead.
- (2.) For protecting the crematorium and any such building from destruction or damage.
- (3.) May regulate the manner and method of cremation in the crematorium.
- (4.) May from time to time fix a scale of fees payable for cremation, and for the use of any building provided for the preservation of the ashes of the dead.

By-laws to be approved by Colonial Secretary.

6. No by-law or regulation made under this Act shall have any force or effect unless and until the same shall have been approved by the Colonial Secretary, and his consent thereto publicly notified.

Parts of sections 113 and 114 of "The Public Works Act, 1894," to apply.

7. Subsections two and three of section one hundred and thirteen, and subsections one to nine inclusive of section one hundred and fourteen, of "The Public Works Act, 1894," shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Act, with the following modifications, that is to say: The word "crematorium" shall be read in lieu of the word "bridge," and of the words "ferry or ford," wherever those words occur in the said sections respectively.

Governor may make regulations.

8. The Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing conditions, without the observance whereof no cremation shall be effected.