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Title.

AN ACT to exempt certain Lands and Buildings for the time being vested in and used by The New Zealand Institute for the Blind for the Care and Assistance of Blind Persons situated in the City of Auckland from the Liability for Payment of certain Rates, and to authorize the Auckland City Council to remit certain Rates heretofore charged or levied against The New Zealand Institute for the Blind in respect of such said Lands and Buildings.

[25th October, 1935.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS The New Zealand Institute for the Blind (hereinafter called the Institute), a separate institution under the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926, owns and conducts an institution in the City of Auckland for the care and assistance of blind persons: And whereas it has heretofore been doubtful whether the lands and buildings used for such purposes

were exempt from rating and the Institute has not been paying rates thereon save only rates levied or charged in connection with water supplied by the Auckland City Council (hereinafter called the Council) for and in respect of the said lands and buildings: And whereas the Council has now been advised that the said lands and buildings are rateable and it is desirable to expressly exempt the said lands and buildings from all rates (save only rates levied or charged in connection with water supplied to the Institute for or in respect of the said lands and buildings) and to make such exemption retrospective:

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

1. This Act may be cited as *The New Zealand Institute for the Blind Rating Exemption Act, 1935.* Short Title.

2. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Rating Act, 1925, or any other Act, all lands and buildings situated in the City of Auckland for the time being vested in and actually used by the Institute for the purposes of any school, workroom, shop, gardens, recreation-grounds, residences, or residential quarters for blind persons and held otherwise than as an endowment shall be deemed not to be and never to have been rateable property for the purposes of the Rating Act, 1925, and in respect thereof the Institute shall be exempt from liability for the payment of rates not being rates charged or levied for or in respect of water supplied by the Council in respect of such said lands and buildings as if the said lands and buildings had always been excluded from the definition of "rateable property" in the Rating Act, 1925. Exemption of certain properties of The New Zealand Institute for the Blind from the payment of rates.

(2) The Council is hereby authorized to remit or write off all rates (not being rates charged or levied for or in respect of water supplied by the Council) heretofore charged or levied against the Institute in respect of the lands and buildings to which this section applies. Authorizing the Auckland City Council to remit rates heretofore levied.

3. This Act is hereby declared to be a private Act. Private Act.