

APPRENTICES AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Apprentices Act 1948. It gives effect to the recommendation in the report of the Commission of Inquiry into Equal Pay (Parliamentary Paper 1971, H.54) that section 3 (2) (a) of the Act should be repealed and the Court of Arbitration should have power to vary the conditions of any apprenticeship order in respect of the apprenticeship of females (see para. 3.40 of Chapter 3).

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2 repeals section 3 (2) (a) of the principal Act. That paragraph provides that nothing in the Act shall apply to the apprenticeship of any female, except in such cases as the Court of Arbitration may direct or except in any industry in respect of which the Court has prescribed the conditions of employment of female apprentices.

Clause 3 provides that in any apprenticeship order the Court may prescribe conditions of employment of female apprentices employed in the industry or branch thereof to which the order relates.

Every apprenticeship order, whether made before or after the passing of the Act, will apply to both male apprentices and female apprentices, subject to any separate provision applying expressly to male apprentices only or to female apprentices only.

Hon. Mr Thomson

APPRENTICES AMENDMENT

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Apprentices Act 1948

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Apprentices Amendment Act 1972, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Apprentices Act 1948* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Application of principal Act**—(1) Section 3 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a) of subsection (2).

(2) Without limiting the provisions of the Equal Pay Act 1972 in relation to apprenticeship orders, nothing in sub-
15 section (1) of this section shall affect the validity of any apprenticeship order made before the passing of this Act.

*1957 Reprint, Vol. 1, p. 269

Amendments: 1961, No. 34; 1964, No. 79; 1967, No. 58; 1968, No. 69; 1970, No. 8

3. Apprenticeship orders—Section 13 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“(1A) Notwithstanding anything in this Act or in the Equal Pay Act 1972, the Court may, in any apprenticeship order in respect of any industry or branch thereof to which this Act applies, prescribe conditions of employment of female apprentices employed in that industry or in that branch, as the case may be. 5

“(1B) Every apprenticeship order, whether made before or after the commencement of this subsection, shall apply to both male apprentices and female apprentices, subject to any separate provision applying expressly to male apprentices only or applying expressly to female apprentices only.” 10