

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

22nd October, 1919.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Legislative Council, 24th October, 1919.

Hon. Mr. Hine.

COUNTIES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| 1. Short Title. | | with respect to the licensing of vehicles. |
| 2. Governor General may by Order in Council empower County Councils to make by-laws | | Repeal. |
| | 3. County Councils may provide residences for doctors and for employees. | |

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Counties Act, 1908.

Title.

BE IT 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 Counties Amendment Act, 1919, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Counties Act, 1908.

Short Title.

2. (1.) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, authorize any County Council to make by-laws under the principal Act for the following purposes:—

Governor-General may by Order in Council empower County Councils to make by-laws with respect to the licensing of vehicles.

(a.) Providing for the licensing of vehicles using any road within the county, and prohibiting the using of vehicles on any such road without a license:

15 (b.) Appointing fees to be paid to the County Fund in respect of the licensing of vehicles as aforesaid.

(2.) Any by-laws under paragraph (b) of the last preceding section may appoint different fees to be paid in respect of different classes of vehicles, having regard to the weight of the load that may be carried on any such vehicle, the width of the tires of the wheels, the number of passengers permitted to be carried, and, in the case of vehicles drawn by animals, the number and species of animals to be so used.

25 (3.) Any Order in Council under this section may be at any time in like manner revoked, either wholly or in so far only as it relates to any specified Council or Councils.

(4.) The revocation of an Order in Council under this section, in so far as it relates to any County Council, shall be deemed to revoke any by-laws made by that Council under the authority of such Order in Council and this section.

(5.) The power to make by-laws conferred on a County Council by virtue of this section shall be in addition to any power to make by-laws conferred on that Council by the principal Act.

Repeal.

(6.) This section is in substitution for section five of the Counties Amendment Act, 1915, and that section is hereby accordingly repealed: 5

Provided that the repeal of the said section five shall not affect any Order in Council or by-law in force thereunder at the commencement of this Act, but any such Order in Council may be revoked either wholly or in so far as it relates to any specified Council or Councils as if it were an Order in Council under this section. 10

County Councils may provide residences for doctors and for employees.

3. The authority conferred on County Councils by sections thirty-one and thirty-two of the Counties Amendment Act, 1913, to provide dwellings for workers is hereby extended, and shall be deemed at all times since the passing of that Act to have extended, 15 so as to authorize any such Council to provide—

(a) ~~A~~ a residence for any registered medical practitioner engaged in the practice of his profession in the county, and the provisions of those sections and also of section thirty-three of that Act shall apply accordingly. 20

Struck out.

(b.) A residence for any employee of the Council, together with an area of land surrounding the dwelling, but so that such an area shall not be more than ten acres where the value of the land exceeds twenty pounds per acre, nor more than twenty acres where the value exceeds ten pounds and does not exceed twenty pounds per acre, nor more than fifty acres where the value does not exceed ten pounds per acre. 25

Definition of "worker's dwelling" for purposes of Counties Amendment Act, 1913, amended.

New.

4. The definition of the term "Worker's dwelling" in section thirty-one of the Counties Amendment Act, 1913, is hereby amended as follows:— 30

- (a.) By omitting the words "five acres," and substituting the words "ten acres"; 35
- (b.) By omitting the words "ten acres," and substituting the words "twenty acres"; and
- (c.) By omitting the words "twenty acres," and substituting the words "fifty acres."