

Mr. Payne.

CRIMES AMENDMENT (No. 2).

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Right of retrial.</p> <p>3. Prisoner desiring retrial to notify governor of gaol.</p> | <p>4. Provisions for legal aid to prisoners.</p> <p>5. Notice to be posted in gaols.</p> <p>6. Prisoners may engage counsel.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Crimes 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:—

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| <p>1. This Act may be cited as the Crimes Amendment Act, 1916.</p> <p>2. Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act to the contrary, every prisoner who has been sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment exceeding two years shall have the absolute right to a retrial of his or her case, if such prisoner is convinced that a retrial would remedy any injustice regarding the length or nature of the sentence he or she is serving.</p> <p>3. A prisoner who desires a retrial of his case shall notify the governor of the gaol in which he is serving, first verbally, and then in writing, the writing to be done in the presence of the governor, who shall forthwith supply a copy of the application to the Minister of Justice, and a further copy to the member for the district in which the prisoner previously resided, or the member for the district in which the gaol is situated, whichever the prisoner prefers.</p> <p>4. Counsel shall be provided for prisoners asking for a retrial of their case, the provisions of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908, being deemed hereby to apply to all prisoners serving sentence in any gaol in the Dominion, and counsel shall attend the gaol to go into the evidence at least twenty-one days before the date of the retrial of the case in each instance.</p> <p>5. The right to a retrial under the provisions hereof shall be communicated to all prisoners by a notice printed in large letters and displayed in a prominent position in each gaol in the Dominion.</p> <p>6. Notwithstanding the provisions of section <i>four</i> hereof, the prisoner shall, if he or she so desires, engage his own counsel at his own expense.</p> | <p>Short Title.</p> <p>Right of retrial.</p> <p>Prisoners desiring retrial to notify governor of gao .</p> <p>Provision for legal aid to prisoners.</p> <p>Notice to be posted in gaols.</p> <p>Prisoners may engage counsel.</p> |
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