

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,
1st August, 1916.

Hon. Mr. Russell.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

CINEMATOGRAPH-FILM CENSORSHIP.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Censoring of Cinematograph Films.

Title.

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

5 1. This Act may be cited as the Cinematograph-film Censorship Act, 1916.

Short Title.

10 2. On and after the first day of October, nineteen hundred and sixteen, it shall not be lawful to exhibit any cinematograph-film unless it has been approved in the manner hereinafter provided.

Films to be approved by censor.

3. (1.) There shall be appointed from time to time by the Governor such fit persons as the Governor deems necessary as censors of cinematograph-films, who shall hold office during the Governor's pleasure.

Appointment of censors.

15 (2.) The provisions of the Public Service Act, 1912, shall not apply to the persons so appointed.

4. (1.) It shall be the duty of every person so appointed to examine every cinematograph film submitted to him for approval.

Duty of censors.

20 (2.) Such approval shall be signified by a certificate in the prescribed form.

25 (3.) Such approval shall not be given in the case of any film which, in the opinion of the censor, depicts any matter that is against public order and decency, or the exhibition of which for any other reason is, in the opinion of the censor, undesirable in the public interest.

(4.) Such approval may be given generally, or may be given subject to a condition that the film shall be exhibited only to any specified class or classes of persons.

Struck out.

30 (5.) There shall be provided by regulations a right of appeal against any decision by a censor.

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(5.) There shall be a right of appeal from every decision of a censor under this Act to such person or persons, and in such manner and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed by regulations under this Act. 5

Film to which
matter has been
added.

5. A film to which any matter has been added after it has been approved by a censor shall be again submitted for approval, and until it has been again approved shall be deemed not to have been approved.

Fees.

6. There shall be payable for every film submitted for approval 10 under this Act such fees as are prescribed.

Penalty.

7. (1.) Every person who exhibits any film in contravention of this Act is liable to a fine not exceeding *fifty* pounds, and the film may be ordered by the convicting Court to be forfeited to the Crown.

(2.) Any film so forfeited shall be dealt with in such manner as 15 the Minister of Internal Affairs directs.

Regulations.

8. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council, make such regulations as he deems necessary for giving effect to this Act.