

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

FACTORIES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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2. Section 54 of principal Act amended as to hours of employment of boys, women, and girls.  
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Factories Act, 1894."

Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Factories Act Amendment Act, 1899," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Factories Act, 1894," (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

Short Title.

*Struck out.*

2. The third and fourth paragraphs of section fifty-four of the principal Act are hereby repealed, and the following provisions are substituted in lieu thereof: "No person shall employ in any factory or workroom any person, being a boy under the age of sixteen years or a woman or a girl, for more than eight hours in any one day, nor for more than forty-five hours in any one week, nor at any time between the hours of six o'clock in the evening and eight o'clock in the morning."

Section 54 of principal Act amended as to hours of employment of boys, women, and girls.

*New clauses.*

2A. The fourth paragraph of section fifty-four of the principal Act (relating to the employment of women and girls) is hereby repealed, and the following provisions are substituted in lieu thereof: "No person shall employ in any factory or workroom any woman or girl for more than eight hours in any one day, nor for more than forty-five hours in any one week, nor at any time between the hours of six o'clock in the evening and eight o'clock in the morning."

Exceptions.

2B. The last-preceding section hereof shall not affect any industrial agreement or award duly made under "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1894," prior to the commencement of this Act and then in force.

Penalty for certain offences.

3. Every person is liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds who continues in occupation of an unregistered factory or workroom for a period of twenty-one days or more, ~~or who, being the occupier of a factory or workroom, in any way contravenes or fails to faithfully comply with any of the provisions of sections fifty-five to fifty-eight or sixty to sixty-three of the principal Act.~~

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*New clause.*

Sections 65 and 67 of the principal Act amended.

Penalty.

3A. Sections sixty-five and sixty-seven of the principal Act are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is hereby declared that the occupier of a factory or workroom is liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds in every case where, with respect to the factory or workroom, or any person employed therein, there is committed or allowed to be committed any breach, contravention, or non-compliance with any provision of the principal Act for which no specific penalty is imposed elsewhere than in this section.

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