

HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill makes miscellaneous amendments to the Health Act 1920.

Clause 2: Under section 91 (1) (a) of the principal Act local authorities may, and must when so required by the Board of Health, provide and equip mortuaries. The effect of the amendment made by this clause is that local authorities may also, and must if so required, provide facilities for carrying out in mortuaries *post mortem* examinations required under the Coroners Act 1951 or under any other enactment.

Clause 3: Part I of the First Schedule to the principal Act contains a list of notifiable infectious diseases. This clause omits scarlet fever from that list.

Clause 4: By sections 54 to 56 of the principal Act restrictions are placed on the carrying on of the offensive trades described in the Third Schedule to the Act. One of those trades is described as the "storage, drying, or preserving of bones, hides, hoofs, and skins". This clause alters "and" to "or" in that description, to remove doubts as to the legal meaning of the phrase.

Hon. Mr Marshall

HEALTH AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title.	3. First Schedule to principal Act (as to infectious diseases) amended.
1. Short Title.	4. Third Schedule to principal Act (as to offensive trades) amended.
2. Section 91 of principal Act (as to mortuaries, etc.) amended.	

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Health Act 1920.

Title.

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

5 of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Health Amendment Act 1954, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Health Act 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.
See Reprint
of Statutes,
Vol. VI,
p. 1061

10 2. Section ninety-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (a) of subsection one the words "and provide facilities for carrying out in the mortuaries *post mortem* examinations authorized under the Coroners Act 1951 or under any other enactment".

Section 91 of
principal Act
(as to
mortuaries,
etc.) amended.
1951, No. 73

First Schedule
to principal
Act (as to
infectious
diseases)
amended.

3. The First Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from Part I the words "Scarlet fever (scarlatina)".

Third Schedule
to principal
Act (as to
offensive
trades)
amended.

4. The Third Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "Storage, drying, or preserving of bones, hides, hoofs, and skins", and substituting the words "Storage, drying, or preserving of bones, hides, hoofs, or skins". 5