

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 October, 1908.*

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Fowlds.

INFANTS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Infants Act, 1908.

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 Infants Amendment Act, 1908, and shall be deemed part of and read together with Part V of the Infants Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. (1.) All moneys of the Crown expended under the authority of Part V of the principal Act in respect of any infant maintained in a foster-home shall (without affecting the liability of any other person under the said Act) constitute a debt due to the Crown by the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board or by the Charitable Aid Board, as the case may be, of the district in which the foster-home is situated.

(2.) Every such debt shall be recoverable in any Court of competent jurisdiction at the suit of the Secretary, in his own name, on behalf of the Crown, or may be deducted by the Minister of Finance from any subsidy payable in the same or any subsequent year to the said Board.

(3.) On the payment of any such moneys by any such Board to the Crown, all rights of action vested in the Crown against any other person for the recovery of those moneys shall become vested in the Board, and may be exercised by the Board in its own name and on its own behalf.

3. (1.) A license issued under section forty-three of the principal Act shall continue in force until revoked in pursuance of section forty-four of the said Act.

(2.) This section shall extend and apply to any license in force under Part V of the said Act on the passing of this Act.

(3.) Subsection three of section forty-three of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Title.

Short Title.

Moneys expended by Crown in respect of infants maintained in foster-homes to constitute a debt due by Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

Licenses for foster-homes to continue in force until revoked.

Repeal.

Section 46 of
principal Act
amended.

4. Section forty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the proviso to subsection three thereof, and by substituting therefor the following proviso:—

“Provided that *save as aforesaid* no payment out of the sum so deposited shall be receivable by the foster-parent after the infant 5 dies, or is removed from the foster-home; and the residue then remaining in the hands of the Secretary shall be applied from time to time, as the Secretary thinks fit, in the maintenance of the infant or in the payment of any medical or funeral expenses incurred 10 in respect thereof; and any moneys not required for any of those purposes shall be repaid to the person by whom the said sum was so deposited.”

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