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Licensing Acts Amendment.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Licensing Act, 1873," "The
 Licensing Act 1873 Amendment Act, 1874,"
 and "The Licensing Amendment Act, 1875." Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Licensing Act, 1873,"
 "The Licensing Act 1873 Amendment Act, 1874," and "The
 Licensing Amendment Act, 1875" (hereinafter called "the said
 Acts"), and to equalize the license fees throughout the colony: Preamble.

5 BE IT THEREFORE 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 Licensing Acts Amend- Short Title.
 ment Act, 1879."
- 10 2. The provisions of this Act shall be read and construed as part Construction.
 of the said recited Acts.
- 3. All the provisions of the said Acts and of all Provincial Repeal.
 Acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
 repealed, particularly the provisions relating to the fees payable for
 15 licenses.
- 4. There shall be four classes of publicans' licenses, namely,— Classification of
licenses.
 - (1.) "Town license," meaning a license applied for within any
 city or borough incorporated under the Municipal Cor-
 porations Acts.
 - 20 (2.) "Country license," meaning a license applied for outside
 of any city or borough, and not being an Accommodation
 or Ferry license.

- (3.) "Accommodation license," meaning a license applied for outside of any city or borough, and where the business to be done under such license shall principally consist of accommodation to travellers.
- (4.) "Ferry license," meaning a license applied for on the terms of keeping a ferry, or keeping in repair any roads or bridges adjacent to such house. 5
- 5.** The fees payable for licenses shall be the following, namely :—
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| For a wholesale license | Ten pounds | |
| For a bottle license | Twenty-five pounds | 10 |
| For a packet license | Ten pounds | |
| For a town license | Twenty-five pounds | |
| For a country license | Twenty pounds | |
| For an accommodation license | Ten pounds | |
| For a ferry license | One pound. | 15 |
- 6.** No person holding any license under the said Acts shall sell or supply any liquor, or suffer the same to be drunk upon his premises, except between the hours of six ante meridian and eleven post meridian on any working day, or except between the hours of one post meridian and two post meridian and eight post meridian and nine post meridian on any Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday: Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners at any licensing meeting to grant an extension of the time hereinbefore prescribed until twelve post meridian on any working day on payment by the applicant of an extra fee of ten pounds: Provided also that *bonâ fide* travellers and lodgers may be supplied with liquor at all reasonable times. 20
- 7.** In cities and towns lighted at the expense of the ratepayers, it shall not be necessary henceforth for a licensed person to keep a light burning at night in front of his premises, except in cases where there is no public lamp kept burning in the street or place where such premises are situate. 30
- 8.** In the construction of the licensing law, including the said Acts, the expression "*bonâ fide* traveller" shall mean any person travelling for business, for pleasure, for health, for recreation, or for any other lawful purpose to which the obtaining of liquor is merely ancillary: Provided that *primâ facie* proof of the defendant not being a *bonâ fide* traveller shall be given by or on behalf of the prosecution in all proceedings. 35

Fees payable for licenses.

Limitation of hours of selling.

Lamps.

Construction of "*bonâ fide* traveller."