

MILITARY TRAINING AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Military Training Act 1949.

Clause 2 provides that the liability of every person for service under Part I of the principal Act is to cease on his attaining the age of thirty years, unless it has previously terminated.

Clause 3 provides that a person registered in the register of conscientious objectors as a person liable to be called up for service but to be employed only in non-combatant duties may at any time apply to the Director of Employment for unconditional registration in the register of conscientious objectors, that is, for registration as a person not liable to be called up for service. Every such application will be referred to the Conscientious Objection Committee, and dealt with in the same way as an application by a person registered in the military service register to be registered as a conscientious objector. The clause also re-enacts the provisions enabling applications of the latter class to be made, so as to exclude the discretionary power at present given to the Director of Employment to refuse to accept applications on the ground of unreasonableness.

Hon. Mr Sullivan

MILITARY TRAINING AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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| Title.
1. Short Title.
2. Liability for service to cease at age of thirty years. | 3. Application for registration as a conscientious objector, or for unconditional registration, by a person already registered. |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Military Training Act 1949. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Military Training Amendment Act 1954, and shall be read together with
and deemed part of the Military Training Act 1949
(hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
1949, No. 23

10 2. Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection one the following proviso: Liability for service to cease at age of thirty years.

15 "Provided that the liability of every person for service under this Part of this Act shall cease on the day on which he attains the age of thirty years, unless it has previously terminated."

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3. Section twenty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection five, and substituting the following subsections:

“(5) Any person who has applied for registration for service in the armed forces, and is registered in the military service register accordingly, may at any time apply under this section to be registered as a conscientious objector. Upon the receipt of any such application the Director, besides complying with section twenty-nine of this Act, shall cause the registration of the applicant in the military service register to be cancelled. 5 10

“(6) Any person who has applied to be registered as a conscientious objector as a person liable to be called up for service but to be employed only in non-combatant duties, and is registered in the register of conscientious objectors accordingly, may at any time apply under this section to be unconditionally registered in the register of conscientious objectors. Upon the receipt of any such application the Director, besides complying with section twenty-nine of this Act, shall cause the existing registration of the applicant in the register of conscientious objectors to be cancelled.” 15 20