Hon. Mr. Cobbe.

PENSIONS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 3. Special pensions to miners' widows 1. Short Title. in certain cases. 4. Modifying conditions affecting pensions granted in respect of 2. Modifying conditions as to residence in New Zealand prior to blindness. grant of miners' pensions.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Pensions Act, 1926.

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 Pensions Amendment short Title. Act, 1932, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Pensions Act, 1926 (hereinafter referred to as

the principal Act). 2. Section thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby Modifying amended by adding to paragraph (b) the following conditions as to

proviso: "Provided that continuous residence in New Zealand prior to grant shall not be deemed to have been interrupted by occa- pensions.

15 sional absences therefrom, not exceeding six months in the aggregate."

3. (1) Every widow who on the passing of the special pensions National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932, was in widows in receipt of a pension under section thirty-five of the certain cases. 20 principal Act shall, on the termination of that pension

residence in New Zealand of miners

(whether before or after the passing of this Act), be entitled to a pension at the rate of thirty-five pounds nineteen shillings per annum, diminished (as if it were an old-age pension) in the manner prescribed by subsection one of section nine of the principal Act, but not otherwise diminished.

(2) Every pension payable under this section shall continue to be payable during the widowhood of the recipient or until she becomes qualified to receive an old-age pension, and no longer.

(3) This section shall be deemed to be incorporated in

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and to form part of Part IV of the principal Act.

4. (1) Section twenty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to the proviso to paragraph (a) the words "or of medical treatment in respect of his 15 eyes".

(2) Section thirty of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to the proviso to subsection two the words "or of medical treatment in respect of his eyes".

Modifying conditions affecting pensions granted in respect of blindness.

By Authority: W. A. G. SKINNER, Government Printer, Wellington,-1932.