

Hon. Mr. Parry.

PENSIONS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.	2. Modification (with respect to persons now resident in New Zealand) of residential qualifications of applicants for old-age pensions.
1. Short Title.	

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 of the same, as follows:—

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1. This Act may be cited as the Pensions Amendment Act, 1937, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Pensions Act, 1926 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
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2. (1) This section applies to persons who, being resident in New Zealand on the passing of this Act, are not qualified to receive a pension under Part I of the principal Act only because they have not resided continuously in New Zealand for twenty years or
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- upwards.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section eight of the principal Act, every person to whom this section applies shall, if he has resided continuously in New Zealand for not less than *ten* years immediately
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- preceding the date of the passing of this Act, be qualified to receive a pension under Part I of the principal Act.

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(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section eight of the principal Act, every person to whom this section applies but who is not qualified to receive a pension in accordance with the *last preceding* subsection shall, on the completion of *ten* years' continuous residence in New Zealand, be qualified to receive a pension under Part I of the principal Act. 5

(4) For the purposes of this section continuous residence in New Zealand shall not be deemed to have been interrupted in the following cases:— 10

- (a) In any case where the total period of absence does not exceed twelve months; or
- (b) In any case where the total period of absence exceeds twelve months but does not exceed that period by more than *six* months for every year of residence in New Zealand in excess of a period of *ten* years, computed in accordance with the provisions of the *last preceding* paragraph, if the applicant has been actually resident in New Zealand for the twelve months immediately preceding the date of the establishment of his claim. 15 20