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PAINTERS AND DECORATORS HEALTH PROTECTION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to protect the Health of Painters and Decorators from the Injurious Effects of Lead Poisoning. Title.

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 Painters and Decorators Health Protection Act, 1921. Short Title.

2. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.

10 “Lead” means the carbonate of lead used in the preparation of paints for the preservation or beautification of structures of every description :

“Burning-off” means the removing of paint from any structure by burning the same off with a lamp :

15 “Dry rubbing-down” means the smoothing of the surface when in a dry state of any structure, which has been painted, by means of pumice-stone, glass-paper, or other material :

20 “Wet rubbing-down” means the smoothing of the surface of any structure, which has been painted, by means of a combination of water, turpentine or oil, and pumice-stone, or other material.

3. On and after the passing of this Act it shall be unlawful— Use of lead in paints forbidden.
(a.) To manufacture, prepare, or use for the purposes of preserving or beautifying any structure any paint of which lead is a constituent part :

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(b.) To employ upon any structure the process of dry rubbing-down, or employ on any structure any process for the same purpose except that of wet rubbing-down :

(c.) For any employer to engage or permit any workman to do burning-off for more than four hours in any one day or more than three days in any one week. 5

Sanitary conveniences to be provided.

4. Every employer of persons engaged as painters or decorators on any structure shall provide for such persons such lavatory and sanitary conveniences in, about, or near such structure as may be prescribed by regulations to be made by the Governor-General in Council under this Act. 10

Power to make regulations.

5. The Governor-General in Council is hereby empowered to make all such regulations as he shall deem necessary to give this Act full force and effect.

Penalty.

6. Any person who commits any breach of the provisions of this Act shall be liable to a penalty of *fifty* pounds. 15