

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

2nd July, 1948

Hon. Mr. Hackett

POST AND TELEGRAPH AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to amend the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928. 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 Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1948, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. VI, p. 854
- 10 2. (1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section seventy-five, and substituting the following new section:— Acknowledgment of Post Office Savings-bank deposits.
- 15 “75. (1) The person receiving a deposit shall at the time when he receives it enter the amount thereof in the depositor’s book and attest the entry in the prescribed manner.
- 20 “(2) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, prescribe that any deposit of an amount in excess of that for the time being fixed in that behalf shall be acknowledged in the prescribed manner by the officer or officers appointed for the purpose by the Postmaster-General, and any such acknowledgment shall be conclusive evidence of the fact and amount of the deposit.

“(3) An entry in the depositor’s book shall, in the absence of an acknowledgment under the *last preceding* subsection, be conclusive evidence of the fact and amount of the deposit to which it relates:

“Provided that no such entry or acknowledgment shall entitle the depositor to withdraw the amount of any cheque, bill of exchange, or other document that has not been collected.” 5

Repeals.
1933 No. 23
1941 No. 26

(2) Subsection three of section seven and section nine of the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1933, and section sixty-seven of the Statutes Amendment Act, 1941, are hereby consequentially repealed. 10

Offences in
relation to
misuse of
telephones.

3. (1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section one hundred and ninety-four, and substituting the following new section:— 15

“194. Every person is liable to a fine not exceeding *one hundred* pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding *one year* who—

“(a) Without the authority of the Minister, wilfully interferes or attempts to interfere with the operation of, or moves from the position in which it was installed, or connects any additional apparatus or equipment to, any telephone or any portion of a telephone system under the control or management of the Minister; or 20 25

“(b) Wilfully makes any false statement when using a telephone under the control or management of the Minister with intent that some other person should act on the statement to his substantial detriment; or 30

“(c) Uses over any telephone under the control or management of the Minister any profane, indecent, or obscene language, or makes any suggestion of a profane, indecent, or obscene nature over any such telephone; or 35

“(d) Wilfully gives over any telephone under the control or management of the Minister any fictitious order, instruction, or message.” 40

Repeals.
1945, No. 40
1947, No. 32

(2) Section sixty-three of the Statutes Amendment Act, 1945, and section seven of the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act, 1947, are hereby consequentially repealed. 40