

## POST AND TELEGRAPH AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*Clause 2* provides that the maximum amount payable by the Postmaster-General as compensation for the loss of any registered postal packet shall be prescribed by regulations. At present the amount of any such compensation is limited by the principal Act to two pounds.

*Clause 3* extends from six months to twelve months the time within which proceedings may be taken under Division II of the principal Act.

*Clause 4* permits persons who are employed in the Department as non-classified employees to contribute to and have the benefits of the sick benefit fund.

*Hon. Mr Shand*

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### ANALYSIS

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### **An Act to amend the Post and Telegraph Act 1928**

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act 1957, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Post and Telegraph Act 1928 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 2. **As to compensation for loss of registered postal packet**—Section twenty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “any sum not exceeding two pounds”, and substituting the words “any amount not exceeding that prescribed in that behalf by regulations”.
- 15 3. **Limitation of time for commencing proceedings**—Section two hundred and eighteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding, as subsection two, the following subsection:

“(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty of the Justices of the Peace Act 1927, any proceedings in respect of an offence against this Division of this Act may be commenced at any time within twelve months after the commission of the act in respect of which the proceedings are taken.” 5

**4. Non-classified employees may contribute to sick benefit fund**—Section two hundred and forty-three A of the principal Act, as inserted by section five of the Post and Telegraph Amendment Act 1953, is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) By inserting in paragraph (b) of subsection four, after the word “temporarily”, the words “or as non-classified employees”: 10
- (b) By inserting in paragraph (c) of subsection five, after the word “temporarily”, the words “or as non-classified employees”. 15