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Hon. Mr. Carroll.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to make Further Provision for the Protection of the Public Health.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1897." It shall (excepting as to the last section hereof) form part of and be read together with "The Public Health Act, 1876" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").
2. The master of every ship arriving in New Zealand on or after the expiration of *six* months after the coming into operation of this Act shall, immediately upon arrival, sign and deliver to the Health Officer a declaration in the form in the Schedule hereto, containing a full and true list of all passengers on board, and a true statement in respect of each passenger as to whether he is or is not suffering from any form of tuberculosis.
3. Such declaration, purporting to be signed by the master, shall, as against the master, owner, and charterer of the ship, be conclusive evidence of the matters stated therein.
4. If the master of such ship refuses or neglects to deliver such declaration to the Health Officer, or delivers a declaration which is false in any material point, he is liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds in addition to any other penalty to which he is liable under this Act.
5. (1.) The master of such ship shall not suffer any passenger who is suffering from any form of tuberculosis to land in New Zealand, nor shall it be lawful for any such passenger so to do.

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(2.) If any passenger lands in breach of this section, both he and the master are severally liable to a penalty of *ten* pounds.

When passenger found diseased after landing.

6. If at any time within three months after landing in New Zealand from any such ship, any passenger by that ship is found to be suffering from any form of tuberculosis, he shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been suffering from that disease when he landed in New Zealand. 5

Not to occupy cabin with another passenger.

7. If on any ship engaged in the New Zealand coastal trade any passenger whilst suffering from any form of tuberculosis is permitted to occupy the same cabin as another passenger, the master of the ship is liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds, unless he satisfies the Court that he did not know, and had no reasonable opportunity of ascertaining, that such passenger was suffering as aforesaid. 10

Recovery of penalties.

8. All penalties payable under any of the foregoing provisions of this Act shall be recovered in a summary manner, upon the prosecution by an officer of Customs, or other person authorised for that purpose by the Governor. 15

No ship to be cleared out until penalties paid.

9. No ship shall be cleared out of any port in New Zealand unless and until all penalties payable by the master under any of the foregoing provisions of this Act have been fully paid. 20

Exceptions from operation of Act.

10. The foregoing provisions of this Act shall not apply to—

- (1.) Her Majesty's land or sea forces; nor to
- (2.) Any person duly accredited to the Government of New Zealand by the Imperial or any other Government; nor to 25
- (3.) Persons who are excepted therefrom from time to time by the Governor by Order in Council.

Tuberculosis and syphilis to be infectious diseases and infectious disorders.

11. Tuberculosis and syphilis are hereby declared to be—

- (1.) Infectious diseases within the meaning of section twenty-seven of the principal Act, and section four of "The Public Health Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1893"; and also 30
- (2.) Highly infectious diseases, dangerous to the people within the meaning of section twenty-eight of the principal Act; and also 35
- (3.) Dangerous infectious disorders within the meaning of sections twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-three, and thirty-four of the principal Act :

And the provisions of those sections shall apply accordingly.

Section 3 of "The Imbecile Passengers Act, 1882," amended.

12. Section three of "The Imbecile Passengers Act, 1882," is hereby amended by substituting the words "five hundred" in lieu of the words "one hundred." 40

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SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

MASTER'S DECLARATION, WITH LIST.

PURSUANT to the provisions of "The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1897," I, A.B., Master of the ship " , " hereby declare that the undermentioned list contains the full name of every passenger by this ship, and that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the information contained in the list is correct as to each passenger named therein :—

List.

Name in full.	Age and Sex.	Nationality.	Whether suffering from any Form of Tuberculosis.

Dated at , this day of , 18 .

A.B., Master.