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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Public Health Act, 1900."

Title.

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 Act Amendment Act, 1906"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Public Health Act, 1900" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"). Short Title.
- 10 2. In the principal Act and its amendments, including this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
 "Occupier" means the inhabitant occupier of any property:
 "Owner" of any property means the person for the time being entitled to receive the rack-rent thereof, or who would be so entitled if the same were let to a tenant at a rack-rent.
- 15 3. Section thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsection:— Power to isolate persons suffering from infectious disease.
 "(2.) Where no such hospital is available the District Health Officer or Inspector may give such directions for the isolation of the person suffering from the infectious disease as he thinks fit, and every person who fails to comply with any such direction is liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds."
- 20 4. Section thirty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the words "moneys to be appropriated by Parliament," and substituting in lieu thereof the words "the Consolidated Fund without further appropriation than this Act." Section 38 of principal Act amended.

Power to acquire
land for hospital.

5. Where a Board is required under section four of "The Public Health Amendment Act, 1903," to provide and maintain any hospital, it may acquire, whether by purchase, exchange, or otherwise, or take under "The Public Works Act, 1905," any land suitable for the purpose.

Boards may com-
bine for sanatorium
for consumptives.

6. (1.) Two or more District Boards or Hospital Boards may combine in providing and maintaining a sanatorium for persons suffering from consumption.

(2.) The expenses incurred in providing and maintaining such sanatorium shall be apportioned amongst the Boards concerned in such proportions as they agree on at a meeting of the Boards, or of delegates appointed by them, to be called by the District Health Officer at such time and place as he directs, or as, in the absence of any agreement being arrived at at such meeting, a Magistrate by order, after hearing the District Health Officer and the Boards, directs.

(3.) In fixing the proportions in which the Boards are to contribute regard shall be had only to the population of each district.

(4.) The sanatorium shall be managed by a joint committee, not exceeding seven, appointed by the contributing Boards from among their members; and representation on the joint committee shall be in proportion to the population of each district.

License to carry
on offensive trade.

7. (1.) No person shall carry on any offensive trade, other than slaughtering, unless with the consent in writing of the local authority and under a license issued by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister.

(2.) Such license shall be issued on payment of a fee of *ten* shillings, and shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December following the date of its issue:

Provided that any such license may at any time be revoked by the Minister.

Section 87 of
principal Act
amended.

8. Paragraph (1) of section eighty-seven of the principal Act, and section ten of "The Public Health Amendment Act, 1903," are hereby amended by inserting after the words "District Health Officer" the words "or any Inspector specially authorised in that behalf by the Minister."

Patent medicines
defined.

9. For the purposes of section one hundred and one of the principal Act "patent medicines" includes all proprietary and secret remedies, and infant and patent foods.

Power to examine
children in schools.

10. The District Health Officer, or any medical officer appointed by the Education Board, may at all reasonable times enter into or upon any public-school building and, with or without the consent of parents or guardians, examine the children attending the school, and notify the parents or guardians of any such child of any disease or bodily defect from which in his opinion the child may be suffering.

Local authorities in
combined district.

11. (1.) In the case of combined districts constituted by the Governor under section two of the principal Act, a County Council may be appointed to act as the local authority of the combined district, notwithstanding that it is not in itself a local authority as defined.

(2.) With the consent of any Road Board or Town Board the Governor may, by Order in Council gazetted, appoint the Council of the county to be the local authority within the district of such Board.

12. (1.) Before submitting to the ratepayers, under "The Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1901," any scheme for sewerage or water-supply works the plans of the proposed works shall be submitted to and approved by the Minister.

Plans of sewerage, &c., works to be approved.

5 (2.) Wherever he considers it necessary the Chief Health Officer may require that any such works shall be carried out under the supervision of a qualified Inspector to be appointed by the local authority.

10 (3.) If any local authority fails to comply with any such requisition, the Minister may appoint an Inspector, who shall have the supervision of the works, and whose salary shall be paid by or recoverable from the local authority as a debt due to the Crown.

15 13. Subsection three of section eleven of "The Public Health Amendment Act, 1903," is hereby amended by inserting after the words "to the building" the words "or to repair, repaper, or repaint the same or any part thereof."

Section 11 of Amendment Act of 1903 amended.

20 14. (1.) No person shall manufacture or, after the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and *seven*, sell any toy or wall-paper or other decorative paper, or paper serviette, or paper used in the enclosure of any article of food in or upon which is any paint, colour, facing, dressing, size, or varnish containing arsenicum or lead or antimony in any form or compound, or any specified substance exceeding such allowable quantity as may be prescribed by regulation.

Sale of certain goods containing poison prohibited.

25 (2.) Every person who commits a breach of this section is liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds, and any goods exposed or offered for sale contrary to this section may be seized and, on the order of the Minister, destroyed:

30 Provided that if such person enters into a bond to the satisfaction of the Minister that he will as soon as practicable return the goods to the person from whom he obtained the same, the Minister may order the goods to be returned to such first-mentioned person.

35 15. Subsection two of section five of "The Public Health Amendment Act, 1901 (No. 2)," is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and such officer may cause him to be arrested without warrant, and brought forthwith before a Magistrate."

Section 5 of Amendment Act of 1901 amended.

40 16. Whenever a Hospital Board undertakes the duty of providing and maintaining hospitals for the reception and treatment of cases of infectious diseases, it shall be lawful for the Board to erect such hospitals on lands vested in the trustees of any separate institution as defined by "The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1885," provided the consent of the trustees is first obtained.

Erection of infectious diseases hospitals.