

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, 12th August, 1896.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Major Steward.

PUBLIC MORGUES.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provision for Public Morgues and to amend the Law relating to Coroners' Inquests.

Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Public Morgues Act, 1896."

Short Title.

2. It shall be incumbent upon the local authority of every city or borough having ~~ten~~ one thousand or more inhabitants, as shown by the census last taken, to provide a suitable building for the purposes of a public morgue, and if any such local authority shall fail so to do, then any ten ratepayers of such city or borough may apply to the Supreme Court for a mandamus to compel such local authority to comply with this provision, and shall be entitled to recover from such local authority all costs incurred in and about the obtainment of such mandamus.

Certain cities or boroughs to provide public morgues.

Clause erased.

3. The dead-house of every public hospital, in cases where there is no building specially set apart for a morgue within two miles of such dead-house, shall be taken and deemed to be a public morgue; and the officer in charge of such hospital shall, at the request of any Justice of the Peace, or officer or constable of police, receive into such dead-house any dead body which may be brought to be deposited therein until an inquest shall have been held thereon.

Dead-house of hospital to be public morgue in certain cases.

If the officer in charge of such hospital shall refuse to receive such dead body for the purpose aforesaid, he shall, on conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five pounds: Provided always that the inquest upon such dead body shall not be held upon the premises of such hospital without the consent of the Medical Superintendent first had and obtained.

Penalty for refusal to receive bodies.

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