

Hon. Mr. Buckley.

POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1884 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Police Offences Act, 1884."

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 Police Offences Act 1884 Amendment Act, 1885."

Short Title.

2. If any persons shall engage together, whether or not for a prize or for money, in any pretended glove fight, without covering the hands and wearing padded gloves of the kind and manufacture commonly known as boxing-gloves, each of the persons so engaged, and every person encouraging, aiding, or assisting such persons, or being present at any such engagement, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence, and may be apprehended without warrant by any constable, and, on conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, shall severally be liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds for each such offence, or to be imprisoned for any period not exceeding *three* months.

Glove fights prohibited.

All constables may enter upon any land, or into any house, room, premises, or place where any persons may be supposed to be engaged in boxing or sparring, or in any pretended glove fight, when and so often as such constables think proper; and, if necessary, may use force for making such entry, whether by breaking open doors or otherwise.

The Justices hearing any case under this section shall have power and authority, as part of their conviction, to order that the license of any premises be cancelled wherein they find that an offence under this section has been permitted to be committed, whether such license was granted under "The Licensing Act, 1881," or granted in respect of a theatre, public hall, or other place for holding public meetings under any other Act.

3. Any person who shall wilfully prevent, obstruct, or delay any constable from entering upon any land or into any house, room, premises, or place which he is authorized to enter under the authority of this Act, or shall use any means or contrivance whatever for the purpose of preventing, obstructing, or delaying the entry of any such constable upon or into any such land, house, room, premises, or place shall be liable, on conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds, or, at the discretion of the convicting Justices, to imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding *three* months.

Penalty on obstructing constables.