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POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1884 AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Police Offences Act, 1884" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act").

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, 1902," and it shall be read with and form part of the said Act.

Short Title.

2. Section twenty-eight of the said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsection, after subsection five of the said section twenty-eight, namely:—

Extension as to wag-ring or betting.

"(5A.) Makes any wager or bet, or attempts or offers to make any wager or bet, or invites the public generally or any person or persons to make or enter into or be a party to any wager or bet, or any transaction of a like nature, on any horse-race or other event,—

"(a.) On any part of any public or private race-course or reserve used for racing purposes, where any Jockey Club is conducting horse-races or holding a race meeting, and has by a written or printed notice, posted in a conspicuous place on such racecourse, prohibited betting or wagering; or

"(b.) On any public street or other public place, or in view thereof."

3. The punishment for any breach of said subsection (5A) shall be as follows:—

Penalty.

For the first offence, a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, to be recovered in a summary way before a Stipendiary Magistrate;

For a second offence, a penalty of not less than twenty pounds and not exceeding fifty pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid; and

For a third or any subsequent offence, imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term of not less than one month or more than twelve months.

4. This Act shall not apply to bets or wagers made between persons who are not bookmakers.

Exemption.