

Hon. Captain Russell.

POLICE OFFENCES ACT AMENDMENT.

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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 Amendment Act, 1890."

Short Title.

2. After the passing of this Act no person liable to be dealt with under the twenty-first section of "The Police Offences Act, 1884" (hereinafter termed "the principal Act"), shall be remanded to some hospital, infirmary, or other fitting place, as in the said section provided, but such remand, if made, shall be to a prison within the meaning of "The Prisons Act, 1882," and every person so remanded shall be received and detained in such prison for the purpose of curative treatment and care, and subject to this Act all other the provisions of the said twenty-first section shall apply to a person remanded to a prison under this Act.

Remands for treatment under section 21 of "The Police Offences Act, 1884," to be made to a prison.

3. The power conferred upon the Governor by "The Prisons Act, 1882," of making regulations shall include a power to make regulations as to the care, custody, and medical or other treatment of persons dealt with under the provisions of the principal Act and this Act, and also a power to prescribe a scale of expenses to be paid by any such person for the cost of his maintenance, and of medical and other attendance, during the period of his detention.

Power to make regulations for treatment of persons remanded and to prescribe a scale of expenses.

4. When a person suffering from *delirium tremens* or from the physical effects of alcohol to such an extent that the condition of his nervous system renders it unsafe or unfit that he should be at liberty shall be found at large in any public place, and not in the charge or under the control of some adult person, every such first-mentioned person shall be guilty of an offence, and may be arrested and detained to be dealt with under this Act, and on conviction of such offence shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds, and in default of payment to be imprisoned for any period not exceeding *fourteen* days.

Persons suffering from effects of alcohol may be arrested and dealt with under Act.

All the provisions of the twenty-first section of the principal Act as amended by this Act shall extend and apply to persons arrested and dealt with under this section; but no person so arrested shall be remanded to prison unless and until a duly-qualified medical practitioner shall satisfy the Justice before whom such person is brought that the case is one in which a remand for curative treatment and care is necessary or desirable.

Medical evidence necessary before being sent to prison.