

Mr. Guinness.

POLICE OFFENCES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.	
Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Section 2 amended and section 18 repealed.	3. "Public place" defined. 4. Section 24 amended.

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, 1900."

Short Title.

2. Section two of "The Police Offences Act, 1884," is amended by repealing the last four lines of that section, and section eighteen of the said Act is wholly repealed.

Section 2 amended and section 18 repealed.

3. For all purposes of the said Act the words "public place" where used in the said Act shall have the meaning and, if not inconsistent with the context, be deemed to include—

"Public place" defined.

Any road, street, footpath, footway, court, alley, and thoroughfare of a public nature, or open to or used by the public ; or

Any place of public resort open to or used by the public ; or Any approach to any post- or telegraph-office ; or Any public park, garden, reserve, or other public place of recreation or resort ; or

Any railway station, platform, or carriage ; or Any public wharf, pier, or jetty ; or Any passenger ship or boat, whether plying for hire or not ; or

Any vehicle plying for hire ; or Any church, chapel, or other public building where Divine service is being publicly held ; or

Any public hall, theatre, or room in which any public concert, theatrical representation, or other public entertainment is being held or performed or is taking place ; or

Any market ; or Any auction room or mart or place while a sale by auction is there proceeding ; or

Any open bar in the premises of any licensed publican, whether under an annual or temporary license; or

Any racecourse, cricket-ground, football-ground, or other such place to which the public have access free or on payment of any gate-money; or

Any Crown land which is not in the occupation of any person.

Section 24 amended.

4. Section twenty-four of the said Act is amended by inserting at the end of line three thereof the words "or to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds."