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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.

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6th September, 1907.*

Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

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. This Act may be cited as the Police Offences Act Amendment Act, 1907, and shall form part of and be read together with the Police Offences Act, 1884.

Short Title.

2. In this Act "boxing contest" means any boxing match, boxing competition, or boxing exhibition, for admission to which a charge is made, or at which a collection is taken up, or at which those present are invited or permitted to throw money into the ring or otherwise deposit it in the building or elsewhere, or on the result of which any stake, bet, payment, or prize depends.

Interpretation.

3. (1.) No boxing contest shall be held except in pursuance of a permit granted by the Inspector of Police of the district in which it is held.

Permit for boxing contest.

(2.) Such a permit shall be granted only on the application of some club or association approved for that purpose by the Governor in Council.

(3.) Before the Governor in Council approves of any club or association as aforesaid two copies of the rules of the club or association, together with two copies of the rules under which it is proposed that boxing contests shall be held, shall be deposited by the club or association with the Colonial Secretary.

(4.) The approval of the Governor in Council granted as aforesaid may at any time be withdrawn.

4. Every boxing contest shall be conducted in accordance with the rules deposited as aforesaid by the club or association on whose application the permit for the contest was granted, and also in accordance with any regulations which are made under this Act.

Conduct of boxing contest.

Copy of permit and rules to be posted at entrance.

5. A copy of every permit granted for a boxing contest by the Inspector of Police shall be posted up in a conspicuous position at the main entrance of the building or other place in which the contest is held.

Fines, how recoverable.

6. Every person who promotes, holds, or is engaged in, and every person other than a constable who is present at, any boxing contest in respect of which any of the provisions of this Act are not complied with is liable to a fine not exceeding *twenty* pounds, to be recovered summarily before a Magistrate or two Justices of the Peace in the manner provided by the Justices of the Peace Act, 1882. 5

Constable may enter building.

7. Any constable may at any time of the day or night enter any premises in which he has reason to believe that a boxing contest is being held, and may if necessary make such entry by force. 10

Constable may arrest without warrant in certain cases.

8. Where a constable finds that a boxing contest is being held in breach of this Act, he may arrest without warrant every person found present thereat whose name or address is unknown to him and who refuses to give, when requested, his true name and address. 15

Regulations.

9. The Governor may from time to time by Order in Council make such regulations as he thinks necessary for any of the following purposes :— 20

(a.) Prescribing the constitution, powers, and functions of the boxing council and all associations or clubs engaged in the promotion or conduct of boxing contests :

(b.) Limiting the number of such associations or clubs :

(c.) Prescribing rules for the conduct of boxing contests : 25

(d.) Prescribing fines for the breach of any such regulation :

(e.) Generally making any other provisions which he thinks necessary in order to give full effect to this Act.

Repeal.

10. The Police Offences Amendment Act, 1904, is hereby repealed, and all existing registrations of boxing associations are cancelled. 30