

[AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, 16TH JULY, 1901.]

Hon. Mr. McGowan.

POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Further offence as to breach of peace.</p> | <p>3. Use of foul language in public places punishable by imprisonment or fine.</p> <p>4. Extension as to idle and disorderly persons.</p> |
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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 Amendment Act, 1901," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Police Offences Act, 1884" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

Short Title.

2. Subsection twenty-nine of section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting the word "or" next after the words "public place," and is further amended by inserting the following proviso: "Provided that the term 'public place' in this subsection shall have the meaning given in section eighteen of the principal Act."

Further offence as to breach of peace.

New clause.

3. (1.) Subsection two of section twenty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by striking out the words "or uses any profane, indecent, or obscene language."

Use of foul language in public places punishable by imprisonment or fine.

(2.) Any person who uses any profane, indecent, or obscene language in any public place as defined in section eighteen of the principal Act, or within the view or hearing of any person passing therein or residing in such public place, shall be liable to imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding one year, or to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

4. Section twenty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following subsection:—

Extension as to idle and disorderly persons.

"(4.) Who habitually consorts with reputed thieves or prostitutes or persons who have no visible means of support."