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.

House of Representatives, 19th July, 1901.

[As amended by the Legislative Council.]

Hon. Mr. McGowan.

POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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1. Short Title.

2. Further offence as to breach of peace. 2a. "Public place" defined.

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

4. Extension as to idle and disorderly persons.

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 5 follows:

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Police Offences Amend- Short Title. ment Act, 1901," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Police Offences Act, 1884" (hereinafter called "the principal

Struck out.

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.

2A. The words "public place" in subsection twenty-nine of "Public place" section three of the principal Act shall have the meaning assigned to defined. 20 the said words in section eighteen of the said Act.

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

mprisonment or

(2.) Any person who uses any profane, indecent, or obscene 25 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 Extension as to idle by the addition of the following subsection:—

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

and disorderly