

Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

POLICE OFFENCES 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 Amendment Act, 1904," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Police Offences Act, 1884."

Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

Interpretation.

10 "Boxing contest" includes boxing match, boxing competition, and boxing exhibition:

"Person" includes an association or body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

15 3. Every person who directly or indirectly promotes, gives, or is engaged in, a boxing contest,—

Engaging in illegal contest.

(a.) For admission to which any charge is made; or

(b.) For which the contestants or any of them have received or have been promised any pecuniary reward, remuneration, or consideration whatever,—

20 is liable to a fine not exceeding *twenty* pounds, unless the provisions of this Act have been complied with in respect of such contest.

4. (1.) No such boxing contest shall be given except in pursuance of a permit in the prescribed form granted by the Inspector of Police of the district in which it is proposed to hold the same.

Conditions under which contest may be held.

25 (2.) Such permit shall be granted only on the application of some club or association duly registered either under "The Unclassified Societies Registration Act, 1895," or under "The Companies Act, 1903," and whose rules (so far as the same relate to boxing contests) have been approved by the Governor in Council.

30 5. (1.) 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.

Police may be present at contest.

May arrest persons present at illegal contest.

(2.) Where the constable finds that a boxing contest is being held in breach of this Act, he may cause to be brought before a Magistrate all persons found present thereat, and may arrest without warrant every such person whose name and address is unknown to him and who refuses to give, when demanded, his true name and address. 5

Persons present deemed promoters, or engaged therein.

(3.) Every person found present at any boxing contest held in breach of this Act shall, *unless he leaves the premises or place when requested by the police*, be deemed to be promoting or engaged in the contest within the meaning of section *three* hereof. 10

New clause.

Permit to be exhibited.

5A. A copy of every permit granted for a boxing contest by the Inspector of Police shall be posted up over the door at the main entrance of the building in which such contest is held.

Regulations.

6. The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council 15 gazetted, make regulations prescribing—

- (a.) The form of permit and the mode of application therefor ;
- (b.) The duration of boxing contests ; and
- (c.) The means to be adopted at boxing contests to prevent injury to the persons of the contestants, and for preserving order 20 at such contests.