

POST OFFICE AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 2: The effect of the amendment proposed by this clause is to enable parcels to be registered.

Clause 3: Section 31 of the principal Act requires postal articles which have been detained in the Post Office for opening to be opened by specially nominated officers. This clause enables the officers to be designated as the holder of a specified office in the Post Office.

Clause 4: The purpose of this clause is to ensure that the provisions of Part V of the principal Act (which relates to the establishment and operation of the telegraph service) apply to all systems of communications operated by the Post Office and operated by apparatus other than the telephone. An example is the telex service which the Post Office proposes to introduce. Authority is given to make regulations in respect of any such service established by the Post Office.

Clause 5 applies to the Post Office Savings Bank certain provisions of the Banking Act 1908. The effect of these provisions is that a copy of any entry in the books of a bank is prima facie evidence of the entry and that an officer of the bank need not produce, except on the order of a Court, any book of the bank if evidence of the contents of the book can be proved as aforesaid.

Clause 6 repeals Part VIII A of the principal Act which authorised the establishment in the Post Office of a postal settlement service.

Clause 7: The purpose of this clause is to remove a doubt as to the effect of a section of the principal Act requiring the licensing of radio dealers.

Clause 8 enables officers authorised to take declarations under the principal Act to be designated as the holder of a specified office or as belonging to a specified class of officers.

Hon. Mr Kinsella

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Post Office Act 1959

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
5 as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Post Office Amendment Act 1962, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Post Office Act 1959 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Registration of parcels**—Section 18 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “other than a parcel and”.

3. Opening of postal articles—Section 31 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding, as subsection (2), the
15 following subsection:

“(2) Any officer nominated under this section may be designated by name or as the holder for the time being of a specified office in the Post Office and, while any person holds any office referred to in the nomination, he shall be deemed
20 to be nominated under this section by the Postmaster-General.”

4. The telegraph service—(1) Section 79 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(4) For the purposes of this Part of this Act, the term ‘telegraph communications’ includes any communications transmitted to a distance by any apparatus other than a telephone.” 5

(2) Subsection (2) of section 105 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs:

“(g) Regulating or controlling the use of any service established under this Part of this Act: 10

“(h) Applying to any service established under this Part of this Act such of the provisions of Part VI of this Act as the Governor-General thinks fit:

“(i) Prescribing rates and fees payable in respect of any service established under this Part of this Act.” 15

5. Evidence in respect of entries in Post Office Savings Bank books—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 118, the following section:

“118A. The provisions of sections 19 to 22 of the Banking Act 1908 shall, with the necessary modifications, apply with respect to the Post Office Savings Bank as if that bank were a bank within the meaning of the Banking Act 1908.” 20

6. Repeal—(1) Part VIII A of the principal Act (as inserted by section 2 of the Post Office Amendment Act 1960) is hereby repealed. 25

(2) The Post Office Amendment Act 1960 is hereby repealed.

7. Licensing of radio dealers—Section 165 of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By inserting in subsection (2), after the word “licence”, the words “under this section”: 30

(b) By inserting in subsection (3), after the word “licence”, the words “under this section”.

8. Taking of declarations—Section 211 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection: 35

“(3) Any officer authorised by the Postmaster-General under subsection (2) of this section to take declarations may be designated by name or as the holder for the time being of a specified office in the Post Office or as belonging for the time being to a specified class of officers and, while any person holds any office or belongs to any class of officers referred to in the authorisation, he shall be deemed to be authorised under this section to take declarations.” 40