

## **POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT BILL**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill amends section 4 of the Police Offences Amendment Act (No. 2) 1952, relating to the offence of common assault.

That section provides that a person who commits that offence is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or a fine not exceeding \$400. As the maximum term of imprisonment does not exceed 3 months, the person charged is not entitled to elect trial by jury.

This Bill increases the maximum term of imprisonment to 6 months, and also provides that although the maximum term of imprisonment is increased to more than 3 months, the person charged will not have the right to elect trial by jury.

*Hon. Mr Riddiford*

## POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT

### ANALYSIS

Title	1. Short Title 2. Common assault
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### A BILL INTITULED

#### An Act to amend the Police Offences Act 1927

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 Police Offences Amendment Act 1970, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Police Offences Act 1927\*.

**2. Common assault**—(1) Section 4 of the Police Offences  
10 Amendment Act (No. 2) 1952 is hereby amended by omitting from subsection (1) the words “not exceeding three months”, and substituting the words “not exceeding 6 months”.

(2) Section 4 of the Police Offences Amendment Act  
15 (No. 2) 1952 is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:

“(3) Nothing in section 66 of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957 (which relates to the right of a defendant to elect trial by jury) shall apply with respect to any offence charged under this section.”

\*Reprinted, 1966, Vol. 3, p. 1485  
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