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Hon. Mr. Millar.

SHOPS AND OFFICES ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Shops and Offices Act, 1904.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Shops and Offices Act Amendment Act, 1907, and shall form part of and be read together with the Shops and Offices Act, 1904 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) Section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding after the words "excepted shop" in paragraph (a) the words "(other than a refreshment-room)," and after the words "one o'clock" in the same paragraph the words "or in the case of a refreshment-room from two o'clock."

Section 15 of principal Act amended.

(2.) Section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "confectioner" where it first occurs in paragraph (a) the words "a florist."

3. When the birthday of the reigning sovereign falls on a working-day other than Monday, the special holiday on account of that day mentioned in section sixteen of the principal Act shall (if observed) be observed on the following Monday.

Observance of certain holidays.

4. Section twenty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "one," and substituting therefor the word "two."

Section 20 of principal Act amended.

5. Section twenty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subsections:—

Section 21 of principal Act amended.

(6.) No notice published by the Minister in pursuance of this section shall be cancelled or varied until the expiration of six months from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

“ (7.) For the purposes of this section each riding of a county shall be deemed to be a separate district within the jurisdiction of the County Council, but a requisition made in respect of a whole county shall prevail over a requisition made in respect of a riding of that county.

“ (8.) It shall not be lawful for the occupier of any shop to sell or deliver any tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes at any time while the shops of tobacconists in the same district are closed in pursuance of a requisition made under this section.”

By Authority : JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1907.