

Hon. Mr. Hall-Jones.

SHIPPING AND SEAMEN'S ACT AMENDMENT (No. 2).

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Provision for certificates of service repealed.</p> | <p>3. Special provisions as to ships propelled by gas, oil, fluid, or electricity.</p> <p>4. Section 32 of principal Act amended.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877." Title.  
 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Act, 1899"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Shipping and Seamen's Act, 1877" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"). Short Title.
- 10 2. So much of subsection one of section thirty-four of "The Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Act, 1894," as provides for the grant of certificates of service in the cases therein mentioned is hereby repealed: Provided that the repeal shall not affect any certificate of service heretofore granted. Provision for certificates of service repealed.
- 15 3. With respect to ships propelled by gas, oil, fluid, electricity, or other mechanical power than steam, the following special provisions shall apply:— Special provisions as to ships propelled by gas, oil, fluid, or electricity.
- 20 (1.) If the ship is five tons or under she shall be deemed to be exempted from the provisions of the Shipping and Seamen's Acts relating to survey and to the carrying of certificated officers.
- 25 (2.) If the ship is between five and fifteen tons and is not authorised to carry more than twelve passengers she shall not be subject to the provisions of the Shipping and Seamen's Acts relating to survey, except as regards the first survey after she is built, or arrives in the colony if built out of the colony, and she shall not be required to carry a certificated engineer:
- 30 Provided that the Minister may order the ship to be surveyed at any time after the first survey should he deem it advisable to do so.
- (3.) Except as by this section hereinbefore provided, every ship to which this section applies shall have the prescribed number of engineers possessing appropriate certificates of

competency or service issued in accordance with regulations made under this Act :

Provided that certificated engineers of steamships shall be entitled to act as engineers of ships to which this section applies :

(4.) The Minister may from time to time make such regulations as he thinks fit for all or any of the following matters, that is to say :—

(a.) The issue of certificates of competency or service as engineers of ships to which this section applies, such certificate being, as the Minister thinks fit to prescribe, either of one grade or of different grades, and either generally for all ships to which this section applies or specifically for specific classes of ships, according to the nature of their engines :

Provided that in no case shall a certificate of service be granted in respect of service performed after the commencement of this Act ; and also that in every case it shall be a necessary qualification for such certificate that the applicant has for not less than twelve months been in charge of the engine of a ship to which the section applies.

(b.) The examination of candidates for certificates of competency under this section, the subject-matter of the examinations, and the appointment of Examiners.

(c.) The qualifications to be possessed by candidates for certificates of competency or service under this section, the fees to be paid for such certificates, and the mode in which, and the events on the happening of which, the certificates may be cancelled.

(d.) Prescribing the number and grade of engineers to be carried by different classes of ships, according to the nature of the trade in which the ships are employed, their tonnage, the nature of their engines, or otherwise, as the Minister thinks fit.

(e.) Exercising the power conferred upon him by section three of "The Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Act, 1894," to modify with respect to ships to which this section applies the provisions of the Shipping and Seamen's Acts relating to steamships.

(f.) Defining the manner in which the tonnage of ships shall be ascertained for the purposes of this section.

4. Section thirty-two of the principal Act (relating to penalties for false representations and otherwise in the matter of certificates) is hereby amended by inserting the words "or the issue of any such certificate" next after the words "of competency or service."

Section 32 of principal Act amended.