

Hon. Mr. Millar.

SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Scaffolding Inspection Act, 1906.

Title.

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

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1. This Act may be cited as the Scaffolding Inspection Act Amendment Act, 1907, and shall form part of and be read together with the Scaffolding Inspection Act, 1906 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

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2. (1.) Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "exceeding sixteen feet in height from the ground, and" in the definition of "scaffolding."

Scaffolding under sixteen feet in height to be inspected, &c.

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(2.) Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting after the word "scaffolding," in subsection one thereof, the words "exceeding sixteen feet in height from the ground"; and by inserting the word "such" before the word "scaffolding" in subsection three thereof.

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3. (1.) When any building is in the course of erection, repair, or structural alteration, it shall not be lawful for any person having the control or management of such operations to permit to be used in connection therewith—

Length of ladders to be used in building.

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(a.) Any ladder which does not when in use extend at least five feet beyond the highest level to which such ladder is intended to afford immediate access; or

(b.) Any lift which is not fitted with an automatic catch of a design approved by the Minister.

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(2.) When any building is in the course of erection, repair, or structural alteration, it shall be the duty of the person having the control or management of such operations to make provision to the satisfaction of the Inspector for the protection of workmen and others within such building or in the vicinity thereof, by boarding over the joists of such building, and keeping them so boarded over so long as any risk of accident would be incurred by the removal of such protection.

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(3.) Every person who commits a breach of any of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding *twenty* pounds.

4. (1.) In every case where there occurs in connection with the erection, repair, or structural alteration of any building any accident causing death or serious bodily injury to any person, the person having the control or management of such operations shall forthwith serve upon the Inspector of the district within which such accident has occurred written notice specifying the nature of the accident, the name and residence of the person killed or injured, and the place (if any) to which such person has been removed.

(2.) If the said notice is not duly served within forty-eight hours after the occurrence of such accident, the person whose duty it was to serve such notice shall be liable to a fine not exceeding *ten* pounds.

(3.) As soon as practicable after receiving such notice the Inspector shall proceed to the place where the accident occurred, and shall make full inquiry into the cause and nature of the accident, and the nature and extent of the injuries, and shall report the result of such inquiry to the Minister.

(4.) For the purposes of this section the expression "serious bodily injury" means an injury which is likely to incapacitate the sufferer from work for at least forty-eight hours.