

Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley.

SALE OF POISONS ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT in further Restriction of the Indiscriminate Sale of Poisons. Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Sale of Poisons Act Amendment Act, 1893." It shall be read together with "The Sale of Poisons Act, 1871" (herein referred to as "the said Act"). Short Title.

2. Section twelve of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:— Amended regulations to be observed in the sale of poisons.

(1.) It shall be unlawful to sell any poison unless the box, bottle, vessel, wrapper, or cover in which such poison is contained be distinctly labelled with the name of the article and the word "Poison," and with the name and address of the seller of the poison.

(2.) It shall be unlawful to sell any poison, of those which are specified in the First Part of the First Schedule to the said Act, or may hereafter be declared to be poisons within the meaning of the said Act by Order in Council under the third section of the said Act, to any person, whether known or unknown to the seller, except in the presence of two adult witnesses known to the seller; and on every sale of any such article the seller shall before delivery make or cause to be made an entry in a book to be kept for that purpose, stating in the form set forth in the Schedule to this Act the date of the sale, the name and address of the purchaser, the name and quantity of the article sold, and the purpose for which it is stated by the purchaser to be required, to which entry the signatures of the purchaser and of the witnesses to the purchase, with their respective addresses, shall be affixed.

(3.) No apprentice, servant, or other person who is not registered under the said Act as a registered vendor of poisons shall sell any poison as aforesaid on behalf of a duly-registered person under the said Act:

(4.) Any person selling poison otherwise than is herein provided shall, upon a summary conviction before two Justices of the Peace, be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds for the first offence and to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds for the second or any subsequent offence.

(5.) The provisions of this section which are solely applicable to poisons in the First Part of the First Schedule to the said Act, or which require that the label shall contain the name and address of the seller, shall not apply to articles to be exported from New Zealand by wholesale dealers, nor to sales by wholesale to retail dealers in the ordinary course of wholesale dealing; nor shall any of the provisions of this section apply to any medicine supplied by a legally-qualified medical practitioner to his patient, nor apply to any article when forming part of the ingredients of any medicine dispensed by a person registered under the said Act, provided such medicine be labelled in the manner aforesaid with the name and address of the seller, and the ingredients thereof be entered with the name of the person to whom it is sold or delivered in a book to be kept by the seller for that purpose, nor to the sale of arsenic by wholesale dealers in quantities not less than one hundredweight.

Repeal.

3. The Third Schedule to the said Act is hereby repealed, and the Schedule to this Act substituted in lieu thereof.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

BOOK OF SALES OF POISONS.

Date.	Name and Address of Purchaser.	Name and Quantity of Poison sold.	Purpose for which it is required.	Signature and Address of Purchaser.	Signatures and Addresses of Persons witnessing Purchase.

By Authority: SAMUEL COSTALL, Government Printer for the time being, Wellington.—1893.