An Acr to amend "The Dog Registration Act, 1880." [23rd September, 1881.]

DOG REGISTRATION ACT AMENDMENT.

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 Dog Registration Act Short Title,

Amendment Act, 1881,"

Local authority may fix registration fee.

Proviso as to dogs used for live stock and rabbits.

Payment of fee after time limited for registration. It shall be deemed to be incorporated with "The Dog Registration Act, 1880," herein referred to as "the said Act."

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, the local authority having jurisdiction within any district may, by notification published in a newspaper having general circulation within the district, appoint the fee to be paid for the registration of any dog within such district to be such sum, not exceeding ten shillings and not less than five shillings, as the said authority shall think fit:

Provided that when dogs are solely used for the management of live stock and for the destruction of rabbits, it shall be lawful for any County Council or Highway Board to make such further exemptions or reduction of the fee as they shall determine.

3. Where any person, without having been summoned to enforce such payment, shall have paid the registration fee for any dog after the expiration of the time limited for such registration, he shall be exempted from the penalty imposed by the said Act for not effecting such registration within the proper time, and shall not be liable to be summoned for the payment of such penalty.