

APIARIES AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. *Clause 2* makes it a continuing offence for an owner or occupier to fail to remove bees and bee combs connected therewith from the walls or any part of any dwellinghouse, shed, or building when he is directed by an Inspector to do so.

2. *Clause 3* dispenses with the necessity for a beekeeper to obtain the consent of an Inspector before he removes bees and appliances from one registered apiary to another registered apiary situated more than 10 chains from where they were previously located for the purpose of the extraction of honey or for any other purpose of management if the bees and appliances and both apiaries are owned by the same person and are free from disease.

3. *Clause 4* makes it an offence to sell, barter, lend, or give to any person any honey from an infected hive in an apiary.

4. *Clause 5* authorizes the making of regulations for the purpose of prohibiting or regulating the introduction into New Zealand of bees or of specified strains of bees. It is aimed at preventing the introduction into New Zealand of undesirable strains of bees.

Hon. Mr. Holyoake

APIARIES AMENDMENT

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Apiaries Act 1927.

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 Apiaries Amendment Act 1951, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Apiaries Act 1927 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. I, p. 60

10 2. Section six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

Bees in walls of dwellinghouses, &c.

“(5) In any case where bees have become established in the walls or any part of any dwellinghouse, shed, or building, an Inspector may direct the owner or occupier of the land on which the dwellinghouse, shed, or building is situated to destroy the bees and all bee combs connected therewith within a specified time. Every person who fails to carry out any direction given by an Inspector under this subsection within the specified time

commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds and to a further fine not exceeding one pound for every day during which the offence continues."

Changing
location
of bees.

3. Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection one the following proviso as a proviso to the subsection:— 5

" Provided that a beekeeper may remove bees and appliances from one registered apiary to another registered apiary situated more than ten chains from where they were previously located for the purpose of the extraction of honey or for any other purpose of management if the bees and appliances and both apiaries are owned by the same person and are free from disease." 10 15

Dealings with
honey from an
infected hive.

4. Section ten of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection two the words " or any honey from an infected hive in an apiary ".

Regulations.

5. Section sixteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:— 20

"(bb) For the prohibition or regulation of the introduction into New Zealand, either generally or from any specified place, of bees or of any strain or strains of bees: ". 25