

Hon. Sir Francis Bell.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1908. 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 Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act, 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

10 2. (1.) The Deputy Registrar-General or the Deputy of any Registrar shall, under the control of the Registrar-General or such Registrar, perform such general official duties as he is called upon to perform under the principal Act or by the Registrar-General or such Registrar. Powers, &c., of deputies.

15 (2.) On the occurrence from any cause of a vacancy in the office of the Registrar-General or any Registrar, and in case of the absence from duty of the Registrar-General or any Registrar, and so long as any such vacancy or absence continues, the Deputy Registrar-General or the Deputy of such Registrar shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties, and functions of the Registrar-General or such Registrar, as the case may be. 20

(3.) The fact of the Deputy Registrar-General or the Deputy of any Registrar exercising any power, duty, or function as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of his authority to do so, and no person shall be concerned to inquire whether the occasion has arisen requiring or authorizing him to do so. 25

(4.) Section four of the principal Act is hereby repealed. Repeal.

Appointment of Registrars.

3. Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act, there may be appointed more Registrars than one for any district, in which case births may be notified to and births and deaths may be registered with any of such Registrars.

Still-born child defined.

4. For the purposes of section four of the Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act, 1912, a still-born child shall be deemed to be a child which has issued from its mother after the expiration of the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy and which was not alive at the time of such issue.

Section 26 of principal Act amended.

5. Section twenty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended 10 by adding thereto the words "or by some person duly authorized in writing by the Coroner."

Section 41 of principal Act amended.

6. Section forty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended---

(a.) By adding to subsection one the words "or a certificate in the prescribed form of the date of any birth or death"; 15 and

(b.) By adding to subsection two the words "and for every certificate of the date of any birth or death, a fee of *one* shilling."

Section 16 of Amendment Act, 1912, amended.

7. Section sixteen of the Births and Deaths Registration 20 Amendment Act, 1912, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "birth" in paragraph (a) and also in paragraph (b), the words "or death."