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COAL-MINES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Coal-mines Act, 1891" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"). 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 Coal-mines Act Amendment Act, 1895," and it shall be read with the principal Act. Short Title.

(4.) 1A. Section fifty-five of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

10 2. (1.) The manager of every mine shall keep a full record of every accident ~~which occurs in the mine, attended with serious injury to any person employed in or about the mine,~~ and shall forthwith, after the occurrence of any such accident attended with serious injury to any person, give a written notice thereof to the Inspector, and also shall  
15 forthwith report the same by telegraph message to the Minister; and any manager who omits to keep such record or to give such notice or to telegraph such report shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against the principal Act. Manager to give notice of accident.

20 (2.) Any portion of a mine where a serious accident occurs shall not be interfered with until inspected by the Inspector, or some other person appointed by the Minister, or Coroner's jury, unless with the view of saving life or preventing further injury.

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25 (3.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, or the regulations thereunder, prescribing a limit of time within which a person injured in or by an accident must give notice of the injury or accident, in order to entitle him to the benefit of the Sick and Accident Fund, it is hereby declared that the Minister may extend such limit, or dispense with the necessity of any such notice, in any instance  
30 where, having regard to the nature of the injury or accident, he thinks it equitable so to do.

Check-weigher may be appointed by industrial union.

3. (1.) The power, by section seventy-two of the principal Act, conferred upon the persons employed in a mine to appoint and station a check-weigher, may be exercised on behalf of such persons by any Industrial Union of Workmen connected with the coal-mining industry.

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(2.) The check-weigher so appointed and stationed by the union shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be the check-weigher referred to in that section, and his wages shall be payable and recoverable accordingly.

(3.) The union shall incur no liability whatever in respect of such check-weigher or his wages.

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*New clause.*

Appointment of Check-weigher may be delegated.

3. Section seventy-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "The power to appoint such check-weigher may, at the request of a majority of the persons employed in the mine, be delegated to any industrial union of workmen or miners' association in the district where such mine is situated, but such union or association shall incur no liability whatever in respect of such check-weigher or the payment of his wages."

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Owner of mine to supply weights and machines.

4. It shall be the duty of the owner or agent of ~~the~~ *any* mine where more than seven men are employed to supply the weights and machines referred to in section seventy-four of the principal Act; and, if he fails or neglects so to do, he shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against the principal Act.

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