This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives. 30th September, 1915.

Hon. Mr. MacDonald.

## COAL-MINES AMENDMENT.

## ANALYSIS.

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3. Section 40 of principal Act amended.

4. Section 46 of principal Act amended. Repeal.

5. Section 52 of principal Act amended.
6. Section 8 of Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1914, amended.

## A BILL INTITULED

An Acr to amend the Coal-mines Act, 1908.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Coal-mines Amendment Act, Short Tiele. 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Coalmines Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. The provisions of sections forty-three and forty-four of the Publication of 10 principal Act shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to all regulations under that Act or under any amending Act, in which the duties of any mine officials may be prescribed.

3. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended by section 40 of omitting from subparagraph (j) of paragraph (2) thereof the words principal Act 15 "may be drawn by a copper pricker, but"; and by repealing the proviso to the said subparagraph.

4. (1.) Section forty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended Section 46 of by omitting all words after the words "each guilty of an offence principal Act against this Act."

(2.) This section is in substitution for subsection two of section Repeal. thirteen of the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1914, and that subsection is hereby accordingly repealed.

5. Section fifty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by Section 52 of inserting, after subsection one, the following subsection:-

principal Act amended.

"(IA.) The owner, agent, or manager of every mine shall also keep in the office at the mine a separate plan showing the system of ventilation in the mine, and in particular the general direction of the currents, the points where the quantity of air is measured, and the principal devices for the regulation and distribution of the air, and on

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every such plan the intake airways shall be coloured blue and the return airways red."

Section 8 of Coalmines Amendment Act, 1914, amended.

6. Section eight of the Coal-mines Amendment Act, 1914, is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (46) (b) of paragraph (i) the words—

"Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit the establishment and use in any mine of properly appointed and equipped lamp-stations for the purpose of relighting safety-lamps."

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