

[AS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE
STATUTES AMENDMENT BILL]

Hon. Mr Mason

CORONERS AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title
1. Short Title

2. Coroner may discontinue inquest
3. Inquest where person charged with
an offence

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Coroners Act 1951

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Coroners
Amendment Act 1959, and shall be read together with and
deemed part of the Coroners Act 1951 (hereinafter referred
to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Coroner may discontinue inquest**—Section six of the
principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By adding to subsection two the words “or may decide
to discontinue any inquest which he has begun”:

15 (b) By inserting in subsection three, after the words “an
inquest”, the words “or to discontinue an inquest”.

3. Inquest where person charged with an offence—Section twenty of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection four, and substituting the following subsection:

“(4) Where the Coroner decides under subsection three of this section not to resume an inquest, he shall notify the Registrar of Births and Deaths of his decision and the date of it and give him all other particulars required to be registered concerning the death, including the cause of death, and shall attend at the Registrar’s office and sign the register in the same manner as if he had completed the inquest.”

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