

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,
5th July, 1905.

[AS REPORTED FROM THE JOINT STATUTES REVISION COMMITTEE.]
26th July, 1905.

Hon. Mr. McGowan.

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Section 196 of principal Act (relating to the crime of defiling girls between the ages of twelve and sixteen) amended.</p> | <p>3. Power to clear the Court. Proviso.</p> <p>4. Power to forbid report of proceedings.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Criminal Code Act, 1893."

Title.

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

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1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Criminal Code Amendment Act, 1905"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Criminal Code Act, 1893."

Short Title.

2. Section one hundred and ninety-six of "The Criminal Code Act, 1893" (~~relating to the crime of defiling girls between the ages of twelve and sixteen~~) is hereby amended by repealing the words "one month," and substituting in lieu thereof the words "six months." No person shall be convicted for any offence under the said section one hundred and ninety-six upon the evidence of the girl, unless corroborated in some material particular by other testimony to the satisfaction of the Court.

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Section 196 of principal Act (relating to the crime of defiling girls between the ages of twelve and sixteen) amended.

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3. Where on any trial before any Court of justice the Court is of opinion that the interests of public morality require that all or any persons should be excluded from the Court, it may exclude such persons therefrom accordingly ~~who are under twenty-one years of age:~~

Power to clear the Court.

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Provided that such power shall not be exercised for the purpose of excluding the prosecutor or the accused, or his counsel or solicitor, or any accredited newspaper reporter.

Proviso.

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4. The Court in any such case may also, by order, forbid the publication of any report or account of the evidence therein, either as to the whole or any portion thereof; and the breach of any such order, or any colourable or attempted evasion thereof, may be dealt with as contempt of Court.

Power to forbid report of proceedings.