

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,
15th October, 1900.*

Hon. Mr. Duncan.

CROWN TENANTS' RENT REBATE.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to grant a Rebate of the Rents payable by Crown Tenants in certain Cases. Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage the punctual payment of rent by Crown tenants : Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900." Short Title.

2. In this Act "Crown tenant" means any holder of a deferred-payment capitalised license held under section one hundred and twenty-six, or any holder of a perpetual lease granted under Part IV. of "The Land Act, 1885," or any lessee or licensee of Crown land held under lease or license granted under Parts III. and IV. of "The Land Act, 1892," or any holder of a lease in perpetuity under "The Cheviot Estate Disposition Act, 1893." Interpretation.

3. (1.) The Commissioner of Crown Lands and the Receiver of Land Revenue may in their discretion grant to a Crown tenant not being in arrear with any instalment of rent accruing due after the coming into operation of this Act under his lease or license a rebate not exceeding one-tenth of each half-yearly instalment of rent which after the commencement of this Act he pays within one month after the day appointed for the payment thereof. Rebate on punctual payment of rent.

(2.) Such rebate may, when agreed to by the said Commissioner of Crown Lands and Receiver of Land Revenue, be deducted and retained by the Crown tenant from the full annual amount of the instalment when making the payment.

(3.) This Act shall apply to leases and licenses current at the commencement of this Act, as well as to those hereafter granted; and in any case where the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the Receiver of Land Revenue do not see their way to grant a rebate of rent as aforesaid such decision shall be final and conclusive.

4. In the event of any lessee being unable at any time, through any natural disaster or other sufficient cause, to pay the rent due under his lease, the following provision shall apply :— Rent may be remitted in certain cases.

Upon the recommendation of the Land Board, and upon being satisfied that it would be reasonable and equitable to afford relief, the Minister may remit a year's rent, or such portion of a year's rent as he deems reasonable.