

*Hon. Mr. Seddon.*

COUNTIES VEHICLE LICENSING EXTENSION.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to extend the Provisions of "The Counties Vehicle Licensing Act, 1893," to all the Colony. 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 Counties Vehicle Licensing Extension Act, 1894." Short Title.

2. The Governor, on the application of the Council of any County, may, by Order in Council, from time to time declare— Principal Act made universal.

(1.) That the provisions of section two of "The Counties Vehicle Licensing Act, 1893," may be exercised by the Council of any county in the colony; and also

(2.) That the Road Boards and Town Boards respectively within any county wherein "The Counties Act, 1886," is not in force or not wholly in force may enact by-laws to the same effect as mentioned in "The Counties Vehicle Licensing Act, 1893," for licensing vehicles using any roads within the road districts or town districts under their respective jurisdiction.

3. All by-laws heretofore made or hereafter to be made for the objects mentioned in "The Counties Vehicle Licensing Act, 1893," by any County Council, Road Board, or Town Board may from time to time be amended, altered, or revoked by the local authority making the same, in the same manner as by-laws generally may be made, altered, or revoked by such authority under any Act for the time being authorising the making of such last-mentioned by-laws. By-laws may be amended or revoked.

The Governor may, by Order in Council, revoke any by-laws heretofore made or hereafter to be made under "The Counties Vehicle Licensing Act, 1893," or under "The Westland, Grey, Inangahua, and Buller Counties Vehicle Licensing Act, 1892."

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4. Section three hundred and eight of "The Counties Act, 1886," shall apply to any by-laws made in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

5. No by-laws appointing the several sums to be paid to the funds of the said local authority for such license-fees shall come into force unless the same are approved of by the Governor by notice published in the *Gazette*; and provided also that the Governor shall withhold his assent to such by-laws if a petition be presented within sixty days after such have been published in the *Gazette* against such by-laws, signed by a majority of ratepayers in the district where such local authority has jurisdiction. 10

6. Section two of "The Counties Vehicle Licensing Act, 1893," is hereby amended by inserting after the words "for the licensing of all" the words "or any class of."

7. All the powers granted under "The County Vehicles Act, 1893," and this Act to Town Boards, Road Boards, or County Councils may be exercised by any Borough Council. 15

8. Traction-engines shall be vehicles within the meaning of "The Counties Vehicle Licensing Act, 1893," and this Act, and nothing contained in "The Police Offences Act Amendment Act, 1890," shall be construed to repeal, prejudice, or affect the power to make by-laws relating to traction-engines conferred by any statute in force at the time of the passing of the said Act, or any by-law made pursuant to such power, but such power and all such by-laws shall coexist with the said Act: Provided that no person shall be punished twice for the same offence. 20 25