

CHILD WELFARE AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends section 13 of the Child Welfare Act 1925 so as to make it clear that a child is not under proper control for the purposes of that section if he associates with any person who is reputed to—

- (a) Sell, give, supply, administer, or otherwise deal in; or
- (b) Use; or
- (c) Have in his possession,—

in contravention of any provision of the Narcotics Act 1965, any narcotic (as defined in section 2 of that Act) or, in contravention of any provision of the Poisons Act 1960, any prescription poison or restricted poison (as defined in section 2 of that Act).

Where a child is not under proper control a complaint may be made under that section by any constable or Child Welfare Officer and if any Stipendiary Magistrate or any Justice appointed to exercise jurisdiction in a Children's Court is satisfied as to the truth of the complaint, he may, in his discretion, make an order for the committal of the child to the care of the Superintendent or may place the child under the supervision of a Child Welfare Officer.

Hon. Mr McKay

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ANALYSIS

Title	2. Extending meaning of expression
1. Short Title	"child not under proper control"

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Child Welfare Act 1925

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 Child Welfare Amendment Act 1971, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Child Welfare Act 1925* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Extending meaning of expression "child not under proper control"**—Section 13 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1B) (as inserted by section 2 of the Child Welfare Amendment Act (No. 2) 1954), the following subsection:

*1957 Reprint, Vol. 2, p. 1
Amendments: 1958, No. 52; 1960, No. 39; 1961, No. 26; 1964, No. 80;
1965, No. 73

“(1c) Without limiting the generality of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, it is hereby declared that every child shall be deemed to be a child not under proper control within the meaning of that subsection who associates with any person who is reputed to—

“(a) Sell, give, supply, administer, or otherwise deal in; or

“(b) Use; or

“(c) Have in his possession,—

in contravention of any provision of the Narcotics Act 1965, any narcotic (as defined in section 2 of that Act) or, in 10
contravention of any provision of the Poisons Act 1960, any prescription poison or restricted poison (as defined in section 2 of that Act).”