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DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S POWERS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Exercise by Deputy of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the Governor. Title.

5 WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the eighteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and seven, permanent provision was made for the office of Governor in and over the Dominion of New Zealand: And whereas by the said Letters Patent it is provided that in certain circumstances all the powers and authorities therein granted to the Governor shall be vested in the Lieutenant-Governor, or, if there be no such officer in the Dominion, then in such person or persons as may be appointed by Royal Sign Manual and Signet to administer the Government of the Dominion: And whereas by the said Letters Patent it is further

10 provided that in certain circumstances the Governor may, by an instrument under the Public Seal of the Dominion, constitute and appoint a Deputy to exercise, perform, and execute for and on behalf of the Governor, during his temporary absence from the seat of Government or from the Dominion, all such powers and authorities

15 vested in the Governor by the said Letters Patent as shall in and by such instrument be specified and limited, but no others: And whereas it is expedient to extend the powers and authorities which any such Deputy if and when appointed may exercise, and to validate the acts of any person previously appointed as such Deputy:

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Deputy Governor's Powers Act, Short Title.

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Interpretation.

2. In this Act the expression "the said Letters Patent" means the Letters Patent mentioned in the preamble of this Act, or any Letters Patent at any time passed in lieu thereof or in addition thereto.

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3. During the temporary absence of the Governor from the seat of government or from New Zealand all the powers and authorities conferred on or vested in the Governor by any Act or law in force in New Zealand, as well as the powers and authorities conferred upon or vested in the Governor by the said Letters Patent, shall and may be exercised by the person appointed by the Governor to be his Deputy during such absence, subject, nevertheless, to anything expressed in the instrument appointing such Deputy. 5  
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Same provision as to deputy of Lieutenant-Governor or Administrator.

4. During such time as the powers and authorities in the said Letters Patent granted to the Governor are vested in the said Lieutenant-Governor, or such other person as is appointed as aforesaid to administer the Government of New Zealand, the provisions of section *three* hereof shall apply to the person appointed to be the Deputy of the Lieutenant-Governor or of such other person appointed to administer the Government as aforesaid, during his temporary absence from the seat of government or from New Zealand, subject, nevertheless, to anything expressed in the instrument appointing such Deputy. 15  
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Act to be retrospective.

5. The exercise, before the passing of this Act, by a Deputy of the Governor or of any other person for the time being appointed to administer the Government of New Zealand of any of the powers or authorities conferred on or vested in the Governor by any Act or law then in force in New Zealand shall be and be deemed to have been of the same validity, and shall have and be deemed to have had the same force and effect as if the same had been authorized by any Letters Patent then in force. 25  
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