

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,
17th October, 1904.*

Mr. Hogg.

DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Wages may be attached for maintenance of destitute person.
3. In default of payment, employer liable.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Destitute Persons Act, 1894." 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 Destitute Persons Act Amendment Act, 1904"; and it shall be read with "The Destitute Persons Act, 1894." Short Title.

2. The Magistrate, on the information or complaint of the Minister, or of any local authority, or trustees, may make an order on the employer of any person liable to maintain his deserted or destitute wife or child, attaching for such period as the Magistrate thinks fit such portion of the wages due to or earned by such person during that period as may be adjudged a reasonable contribution towards the maintenance of such deserted or destitute wife or child or near relative, and any moneys paid by the employer under such order shall be deemed to be wages paid to such person. Wages may be attached for maintenance of destitute person.

3. If the employer makes default in complying with any such order, the amount ordered to be paid and not so paid may be recovered from him by the Minister, local authority, or trustees on whose application the order was made. In default of payment, employer liable.