

[AS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE]
House of Representatives, 22 September 1958.

Words inserted by the Committee are shown in black within bold square brackets.

Hon. Mr Mason

DOMESTIC PROCEEDINGS AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title
1. Short Title

2. Newspaper reports of domestic proceedings

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Domestic Proceedings Act 1939

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 Domestic Proceedings Amendment Act 1958, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Domestic Proceedings Act 1939 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Newspaper reports of domestic proceedings**—(1) Section seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection two, and substituting the following subsections:

15 “(1A) After the hearing and determination of any domestic proceedings, no particulars in relation to the proceedings shall be printed or published in any newspaper, except the following particulars, namely:

“**(a) The names, addresses, and occupations of the parties and witnesses [and the names of the counsel and solicitors engaged]:**

“(b) The grounds of the application or complaint, and a concise statement of the charges, defences, and countercharges in support of which evidence has been given:

“(c) Submissions on any point of law arising in the course of the proceedings, and the decision of the Magistrate on the submissions: 5

“(d) The decision of the Magistrate, and any observations made by the Magistrate in giving it:

“Provided that the Magistrate may in his discretion 10 authorise the publication of any other particulars, subject to such conditions relating to any matter to be published as he thinks fit.

“(2) If any particulars are printed or published in any newspaper in contravention of the provisions of this section, every printer, publisher, or editor of the newspaper shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction— 15

“(a) In the case of an individual, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to both: 20

“(b) In the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds.”

(2) The said section seven is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection five the words “registered under the Printers and Newspapers Registration Act 1908”, and substituting the words “within the meaning of the Newspapers and Printers Act 1955”. 25

(3) The said section seven is hereby further amended by adding to subsection five the following proviso:

“Provided that for the purposes of this section the term 30 ‘newspaper’ shall not include any newspaper or periodical publication of a technical character bona fide intended for circulation among members of the legal or medical professions, psychologists, advisers in the sphere of marriage guidance, or other social welfare workers.” 35