

Mr. Steward.

DOG REGISTRATION ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Dog Registration Act, 1880." Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to the registration of dogs : Preamble.

5 BE IT THEREFORE 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 Dog Registration Act Amendment Act, 1882."

10 It shall be deemed to be incorporated with "The Dog Registration Act, 1880" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"). Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, the local authority having jurisdiction within any district may, by notification published in a newspaper having general circulation within the district, Registration fee to be fixed by local authority.

15 appoint the fee to be paid for the registration of any dog within such district to be such sum, not exceeding ten shillings and not less than five shillings, as the said authority shall think fit.

20 Provided that when dogs are kept for the sole purpose of the management of live stock, or for the destruction of rabbits, it shall be lawful for any County Council or Highway Board to reduce the fee for the registration of any such dog to such sum, not being less than one shilling, as such Council or Board shall determine.

25 3. In any case wherein a County Council or Highway Board shall, in pursuance of the discretionary power by the proviso to section two of this Act conferred, have determined to permit the registration of dogs kept for either of the purposes therein mentioned at any reduced fee, every person claiming to register any dog at such reduced Declaration.

Penalty for false declaration.

fee shall be required to sign a declaration in the form of the *First* Schedule hereto; and if any such declaration be false or untrue, the person wilfully making such false declaration shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds, or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding one month.

Penalty for non-registration by date fixed not to apply in certain cases.

4. Where any person, without having been summoned to enforce payment of the registration fee in respect of any dog in his possession or following, shall have paid such registration fee after the time limited for such registration, he shall be exempted from the penalty imposed by the said Act for not effecting such registration within the proper time, and shall not be liable to be summoned for the payment of such penalty. But this section shall not operate as a bar to the conviction or fining of any person against whom an information shall have been laid prior to the payment of such registration fee.

Repeal.

5. The Acts enumerated in the *Second* Schedule hereto are hereby repealed to the extent specified in such Schedule.

Schedules.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

"DOG REGISTRATION ACT 1880 AMENDMENT ACT, 1882."

Application to register at Reduced Fee.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED [*Here insert name*], being the owner of dog [*or dogs*], which I apply to have registered under section 2 of "The Dog Registration Act Amendment Act, 1882," hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that the said dog [*or dogs*] now is [*or are*] and will be kept solely for the purpose of [*Here insert the words for the management of live stock, or for the destruction of rabbits, as the case may be*].

Witness to signature—
C. D.

A. B.,
day of 188 .

SECOND SCHEDULE.

REPEAL.

Name of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
"The Dog Registration Act, 1880 "	Section 5.
"The Dog Registration Act Amendment Act, 1881 "	The whole.
"The Rabbit Nuisance Act, 1881 "	Section 22.