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**EIGHT HOURS.**

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**A BILL INTITULED**

AN ACT to define and regulate the Hours of Labour within the Colony of New Zealand. Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Eight Hours Act, 1882." Short Title.

2. From and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, the following regulations for defining and controlling the hours of labour shall take effect within the colony:— Regulation of working hours.

10 (1.) Eight hours out of every twenty-four hours of the legal working days of the week shall constitute a legal day's work, and forty-eight hours a legal week's work, in all occupations, whether those occupations be of a mental or physical nature: Eight hours a legal day, and forty-eight hours a legal week.

15 (2.) All time employed in work done, or labour performed, in excess of eight hours in every twenty-four, or forty-eight hours in every week, shall be and is hereby considered and calculated as overtime, and shall be paid for at the same rate as the ordinary hours of the legal day in the special occupation concerned, or at such other rate as may be agreed upon between employers and employés. Overtime defined.

20 3. The following persons shall be excepted from the operation of this Act:— Persons excepted from the operation of the Act.

(1.) All persons employed as domestic servants or in dairies:

25 (2.) All persons engaged in avocations such as allow of a lesser number of hours to be worked than eight for a legal day, or forty-eight for a legal week.