

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council,
15th September, 1899.*

[AS REPORTED BY THE LABOUR BILLS COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.]

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

FACTORIES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Factories 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 Factories Act Amendment Act, 1899," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Factories Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").

Short Title.

2. The fourth paragraph of section fifty-four of the principal Act (relating to the employment of women and girls) is hereby repealed, and the following provisions are substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 54 of principal Act amended as to hours of employment of women and girls.

"No person shall employ in any factory or workroom any woman or girl for more than eight hours in any one day, nor for more than forty-five hours in any one week, nor at any time between the hours of six o'clock in the evening and eight o'clock in the morning:

New Proviso.

"Provided that no person shall employ in a woollen-mill any female or young person for more than forty-eight hours in any week, nor between the hours of six o'clock in the afternoon and half-past seven o'clock in the morning."

3. The *last-preceding* section hereof shall not affect any industrial agreement or award duly made under "The Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1894," prior to the commencement of this Act and then in force.

Exceptions.

4. Every person is liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds who continues in occupation of an unregistered factory or workroom for a period of twenty-one days or more.

Penalty for certain offences.

5. Sections sixty-five and sixty-seven of the principal Act are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is hereby declared that the occupier of a factory or workroom is liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds in every case where, with respect to the factory or workroom, or any person employed therein, there is committed or allowed to be committed any breach, contravention, or non-compliance with any provision of the principal Act for which no specific penalty is imposed elsewhere than in this section.

Sections 65 and 67 of the principal Act amended.

Penalty.