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FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Friendly Societies Acts and the Provident Societies Acts. Title.

5 WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate arrangements between employers and employed for mutual benefit and assistance, and to extend the benefits arising from such arrangements, so as to increase their powers of mutual aid : Preamble.

10 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 Friendly Societies Acts Amendment Act, 1892." Short Title.

15 2. Whenever any association or society shall be formed among or partly among the employés of any person, firm, or corporate body for the purpose of mutual benefit, help, protection, or advantage, such association or society shall be registered under "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882," or "The Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1877," at the option of the members, to be ascertained at the first general meeting of such association or society, which meeting shall be held not later than one calendar month after seven members shall have consented to join or shall actually have joined such association or society ; and such association or society shall thereupon be subject in all respects to the statutes regulating such bodies. Formation of society for mutual benefit.

20 3. The members of every such association or society shall appoint by ballot a committee of management and all other officers, trustees, or official persons necessary to the conduct of the business thereof, or to the possession and control of its property ; and such committee of management shall have all the powers, duties, and privileges as a committee of management under the said Acts respectively. Management to be appointed by ballot.

Society not to be under control of any employer.

4. No such association or society shall be or continue under the guidance, control, or supervision of any employer, whether individual, collective, or corporate.

Penalty for forming society in contravention of this Act.

5. If any person, employer or employed, or his or their agent or agents, or any other person or persons shall form and carry on, or attempt to form or carry on, any association or society having such objects as mentioned in section *one* of this Act in contravention of this statute, he or they shall, on conviction thereof before any Resident Magistrate or two Justices of the Peace, be liable to imprisonment with hard labour for *six* months, and a fine not exceeding *one hundred* pounds for each offence. 5 10

Rights of members.

6. No member of such an association shall lose the rights, benefits, or privileges arising from or attached to his membership, or in any way suffer therein or in reference thereto by reason of his leaving or being dismissed from the employment of any person, firm, corporate body, or other employer, but shall continue to enjoy all such rights and benefits and privileges as if he had continued in his former employment. 15