

*Hon. Sir J. Vogel.*

### FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

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THIS Bill amends the law in certain particulars, in accordance with the expressed desire of a large number of friendly societies.

Clause 2: Provision is made to compel all lodges, courts, &c., which are practically branches of a central body, to be registered as such, in order that their affairs may be under the control of such central body.

Clause 3: Provision is made for registration of lodges, courts, &c., affected by clause 2.

Clause 4: Exemption from Customs duties is extended to include certain goods belonging to friendly societies in addition to those already admitted duty free.

No. 135—1.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1882 AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Repeal of section 20 of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882." All branches declared registered as such.</p>	<p>3. Names and particulars of such branches to be sent to Registrar, who shall issue acknowledgment of registry.</p> <p>4. Exemption from Customs duties.</p> <p>5. Incorporation.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882."

Title.

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

5 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Friendly Societies Act 1882 Amendment Act, 1885."

Short Title.

10 2. Section twenty of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882" (herein referred to as "the said Act"), is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is hereby enacted that every society, whether at the passing of this Act registered as a separate society or as a branch of a registered society, or unregistered, which contributes to the funds and takes part, by delegates or otherwise, in the government of any other registered society, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be and be deemed to be a registered branch of such last-named society.

Repeal of section 20 of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1882." All branches declared registered as such.

15 3. It shall be the duty of every society now registered under the said Act forthwith, on the passing of this Act, and of every society hereafter to be registered, upon its registration, to give notice to the Registrar of the name of every society or branch of a society which contributes to its funds and takes part, by delegates or otherwise, in its government, but which, prior to the giving of such notice, had not been registered, otherwise than by the passing of this Act, as one of its branches. Every such notice shall specify the place of office of the society or branch to which it refers, and also the names of the trustees and secretary of the said society or branch. Immediately on receipt of such notice it shall be the duty of the Registrar to issue to the society giving such notice an acknowledgment of registry, in Form five set forth in the Second Schedule to the said Act, of the society or branch to which the notice refers, as a branch of the first-named society.

Names and particulars of such branches to be sent to Registrar, who shall issue acknowledgment of registry.

20 4. Subsection three of section thirteen of the said Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is hereby enacted that Customs duties shall not be chargeable on regalia, emblems, certificates, banners, letter and note paper with printed friendly-society headings, envelopes bearing a friendly society's seal, account books specially printed and ruled for friendly societies' use, seal presses, and framed dispensations, being the property of and specially imported by or for any society or registered branch.

Exemption from Customs duties.

35 5. The said Act and this Act shall, in all respects, be construed as one Act.

Incorporation