

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

*House of Representatives,
29th September, 1915.*

Hon. Mr. Russell.

GAMING AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Authority to dispose by way of raffle of real or personal property for benefit of war fund.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Gaming Act, 1908.

Title.

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

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1. This Act may be cited as the Gaming Amendment Act, 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Gaming Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, or in any other law for the time being in force relating to gaming and lotteries, the Minister of Internal Affairs may, on the application in writing of any person, authorize that person or any other person or persons, or any association or society of persons, to dispose of any real or personal property of any description by way of raffle or chance, subject, however, to such conditions and restrictions as the Minister thinks proper.

Authority to dispose by way of raffle of real or personal property for benefit of war fund.

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(2.) A license shall not be issued by the Minister under this section unless—

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(a.) He is satisfied that the property to which it relates has been or is to be donated as a gift for the purposes of a war fund within the meaning of the War Funds Act, 1915; and

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(b.) The application for the license is approved by the mayor of the city or borough or by the chairman of the county or town district in which the applicant is resident, or is approved by or on behalf of a society or trustees administering a war fund.

(3.) The proceeds derived from the disposal of any property under this section, after deducting therefrom a reasonable amount by way of expenses, shall be paid into a war fund to be specified in the

application, or into two or more such funds in such proportions as may be specified in the application. If any question arises as to the amount that may be deducted from the proceeds by way of expenses, such question shall be determined by the Minister, whose decision shall be final and conclusive. 5

(4.) The society or trustees administering a war fund to which any moneys are payable under this section may recover such moneys to the use of the fund as if the same were a debt due to the society or trustees by the person authorized by the license to dispose of the property from which such moneys were derived. 10