

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

## GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT AMENDMENT.

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ANALYSIS.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to further amend the Law concerning Gaming.

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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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| 5  | 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Gaming and Lotteries Acts Amendment Act, 1898," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881" (hereinafter called "the principal Act").  | Short Title.   |
| 10 | 2. If any person is found loitering, or if two or more persons are found assembled together in any road, street, foot-way, court, alley, or public thoroughfare of any kind, for the purpose of betting or wagering, each of them commits an offence, and is liable to a penalty not exceeding <i>ten</i> pounds.                        | Penalty for betting in road or street.   |
| 15 | 3. If such offence is committed in the view of a constable or police officer, he may, without warrant, arrest the persons committing the same, and every person so arrested shall be detained in custody until he can be brought before the Court to be dealt with for such offence.   | Constable may, without warrant, arrest persons so betting.                       |
| 20 | 4. For the more effectual suppression of common gaming-houses the power of seizure, which by section three of the principal Act is conferred upon a constable or police officer in the cases therein mentioned, is hereby extended to include the power to seize books, letters, circulars, and other documents or papers.               | Extended powers of seizure in respect of common gaming-houses.                   |
| 25 | 5. In all proceedings under sections thirteen or twenty-eight of the principal Act against the owner or occupier of any house, office, room, or other place for knowingly and wilfully permitting the same to be opened, kept, or used by any other person as a common gaming-house, or for the purpose of unlawful gaming being carried | Presumption of knowledge by owner of common gaming-house, or of unlawful gaming. |

on therein, such knowledge and wilful intent shall be deemed to be proved if it is established to the satisfaction of the Court that prior to the date of the alleged offence the defendant had received notice or warning from the police that such place was suspected to be a common gaming-house or a place used for unlawful gaming. 5

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6. Sections twenty-nine, thirty, and thirty-one of the principal Act, and section six of "The Gaming and Lotteries Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1885," are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the provisions of sections five to eight of "The Evidence Further Amendment Act, 1895," shall, *mutatis mutandis*, extend and apply 10 to all proceedings in respect of any breach of or offence against the principal Act or any amendment thereof or this Act.