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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.
15th October 1903.

Hon. Mr. McGowan.

GOLD DUTIES.

ANALYSIS.

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2. Gold duty may be apportioned between neighbouring local authorities.
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Allocation of Gold Duties. 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 Gold Duties Act, 1903."

Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding anything in "The Gold Duties Act Amendment Act, 1882," "The Financial Arrangements Act, 1876," "The Financial Arrangements Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1877," or any other Acts, the Governor may from time to time by Order published in the *Gazette* distribute any part of the gold duty not exceeding one-half among such local authorities and in such proportions as he deems just, having regard to the locality in which the gold was produced, and the extent to which streets, roads, and other public conveniences were used in connection with such production.

Gold duty may be apportioned between neighbouring local authorities.

3. No such Order shall be made under the preceding section except on the award of the Warden, who may be directed by the Minister of Mines to make an inquiry and assess the proportions (if any) in which such gold duty should be paid to each local authority, and the local authorities interested may be heard by the Warden prior to the award being made.

Order to be made only on award of Warden.

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