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GOVERNMENT OFFICERS GUARANTEE.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide a more extended System of Insurance of the Fidelity of Officers in the Service of the Government. 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 Government Officers Guarantee Act, 1885." Short Title.

2. The Governor in Council, from time to time, may make, alter, revoke, and make anew, regulations for the following purposes, or any of them :— Governor in Council empowered to make regulations establishing a system of mutual guarantee for Government officers.

(1.) The establishment of a system of mutual guarantee by all the officers of the Government of New Zealand of the fidelity of each other ;

(2.) To provide for making calls from time to time upon the said officers, and for deducting from time to time the amount of such calls from the salary and other sums payable to such officers ;

(3.) For applying the moneys so collected in payment of the whole or any part of the sums of public or other money which shall from time to time come to the possession or control of any such officer, by virtue or by reason of his office, service, or employment, and which may not be duly accounted for by him, or which may be misapplied or embezzled by him, or lost through his want of integrity or honesty ;

(4.) For the exemption from the provisions of this Act of any officer or class of officers of the Government to whom it is considered this Act ought not to apply.

Acts providing for officers guaranteed.

3. So long as the fidelity of any such officer shall be guaranteed under the system so to be established, no enactment whereby such officer shall be bound to give security by bond, or the guarantee of any society, or otherwise than under this Act, shall apply to such officer.

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Provision may be made in regulations for contribution from the Consolidated Fund.

4. The Governor in Council, by any such regulations as aforesaid, may provide that, when any calls are made upon any such officers, a call for a sum not exceeding one-fortieth of the total amount of such other calls shall be made upon the Consolidated Fund, and that, when any such call is so made, the Colonial Treasurer shall pay the amount of such call out of the Consolidated Fund.

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Regulation to have force of law.

5. All regulations made under this Act shall have the force of law.

To whom Act not to apply.

6. This Act shall not apply to Judges of the Supreme Court, or to any officers of the Legislature, or to any officer of the Government whose salary is less than seventy-five pounds per annum.

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Act to apply only after twelve months' service.

7. Except as in the last-preceding section mentioned, and to any regulations made thereunder, this Act and all regulations made thereunder shall apply to all persons in the service of the Government as soon as they respectively have been twelve months continuously in the said service.

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Repeal.

8. "The Government Officers Guarantee Act, 1870," is hereby repealed.

Saving of regulations.

But this repeal shall not affect any regulations made under the said Act, all of which shall have and be deemed to have had the force of law from the date of the making thereof respectively; and all such regulations as are in force at the commencement of this Act shall remain and continue in force until altered or revoked under this Act.

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