

GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS AMENDMENT BILL.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

THE purpose of this Bill is to confer on Magistrates' Courts jurisdiction to give consent, in certain cases, to the marriages of infants.

When the Guardianship of Infants Bill (now the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1926) was before Parliament, clause 8 was amended with the intention of conferring on Magistrates' Courts the jurisdiction now proposed to be conferred; the intention of the Legislature in this respect was defeated by the limiting provisions of section 7 (relating to infants over sixteen years of age).

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,
20th October, 1927.*

Hon. Mr. Rolleston.

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ANALYSIS.

<p>Title. 1. Short Title.</p>	<p>2. Magistrate's Court may consent to marriage of infant. 3. Provision for access of grandparents to infant if one or both parents dead.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1926.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Guardianship of Infants Amendment Act, 1927, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1926.

Short Title.

2. The limitation of the jurisdiction of Magistrates' Courts imposed by paragraph (a) of the proviso to subsection one of section seven of the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1926, shall not apply in respect of any application made under section eight of that Act for consent to the marriage of an infant, and any such consent may accordingly be given by a Magistrate's Court.

Magistrate's Court may consent to marriage of infant.

3. In the event of the death before or after the passing of this Act of the parents, or of one of the parents, of an infant, the Court may order that the maternal or paternal grandparents of such infant, or any one of them, shall have access to such infant at such times and places as the Court may deem proper.

Provision for access of grandparents to infant if one or both parents dead.

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