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(Hon. Mr. Stafford.)

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AN ACT to provide for the Registration of Robert Richardson Hooper as a Medical Practitioner. Title.

WHEREAS Robert Richardson Hooper of Shortland, in the Province of Auckland, having been in actual practice in New Zealand, in medicine, before the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, was entitled thereby to be registered under the provisions of "The Medical Practitioners Act, 1867:" And whereas by inadvertence the said Robert Richardson Hooper delayed making application to be registered under the provisions of the said Act until the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and the said month elapsed without his having been so registered: And whereas "The Medical Practitioners Act, 1867," was repealed by "The Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1869," which last-mentioned Act came into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and under the provisions of the said Act the said Robert Richardson Hooper is unable to make application to be registered as a medical practitioner: And whereas there existed no reason to prevent the said Robert Richardson Hooper from having been registered under the said repealed Act, if his application for that purpose had been made in sufficient time to allow the Medical Board appointed under that Act to entertain the same, and it is just that the said Robert Richardson Hooper should be registered as such medical practitioner as aforesaid, notwithstanding his omission to have been registered under the Act so repealed as aforesaid: Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 shall be "The Hooper Registration Act, 1872." Short Title.

2. In the construction of this Act, the words "the said Act" shall mean "The Medical Practitioners' Registration Act, 1869." Construction.

3. At any time after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages at the City of Auckland, upon the application of the said Robert Richardson Hooper, to cause the said Robert Richardson Hooper to be registered as a medical practitioner. Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages may register Robert Richardson Hooper as a medical practitioner.

practitioner, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the said Registrar (on payment to him of the fee prescribed in that behalf) to issue to the said Robert Richardson Hooper a certificate of registration under the said Act, and notwithstanding anything therein contained the said Robert Richardson Hooper, by virtue of such registration, shall be deemed to be a duly qualified medical practitioner within the meaning of the said Act.

Notice of intention to apply for registration need not be given.

4. It shall not be necessary for the said Robert Richardson Hooper to comply with the provisions of the said Act with respect to giving notice of his application to be registered or otherwise, as therein provided.

This Act to be sufficient authority to Registrar.

5. This Act shall be sufficient authority to the said Registrar to register the name of the said Robert Richardson Hooper as such medical practitioner as aforesaid, and it shall be sufficient for the said Registrar, in the entry to be made in the book kept by him under the provisions of the fifth section of the said Act, or in any certificate granted under the authority of this Act, to state that the same is made or granted under the authority of this Act.