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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.

27th September, 1906.

Mr. Sidey.

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Persons convicted in other countries prohibited from landing in New Zealand.
3. Evidence of previous conviction.

A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to amend "The Immigration Restriction Act, 1899."

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 Immigration Restriction Act Amendment Act, 1906"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Immigration Restriction Act, 1899" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

Short Title.

2. Paragraph four of section three of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

Persons convicted in other countries prohibited from landing in New Zealand.

"(4.) Any person, the date of whose arrival in New Zealand is earlier than two years after the termination of any imprisonment suffered by him in respect of any offence which, if committed in New Zealand, would be punishable by death, or imprisonment for two years or upwards, not being a mere political offence, and no pardon having been granted."

3. A certificate signed by the Superintendent or Commissioner, or other head or acting head of the Police Force of any country other than New Zealand, setting forth—

Evidence of previous conviction

(a.) The name or names by which a person previously convicted in such country is known;

(b.) A description of such person, including finger-prints;

(c.) The fact that he was so convicted; and

(d.) The date on which, the place where, the offence for which, and the term of imprisonment to which such person was so convicted or sentenced—

shall be admissible in any legal proceeding taken against a person accused of an offence against this or the principal Act as *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated in such certificate, and that such accused was the person convicted and sentenced as therein set forth.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1906.