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JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (REGULATION OF REPORTS).

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Restriction on publication of reports of judicial proceedings.</p> | } | <p>3. Publication of certain particulars lawful.</p> <p>4. Penalties.</p> <p>5. Exemption of certain documents.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate the Publication of Judicial Proceedings in such Manner as to prevent Injury to Public Morals.

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 Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Act, 1928.

2. It shall not be lawful to print or publish, or cause or procure to be printed or published in relation to any judicial proceedings, any indecent matter or indecent medical, surgical, or physiological details, being matter or details the publication of which would be calculated to injure public morals.

3. It shall not be lawful to print or publish, or cause or procure to be printed or published, in relation to any judicial proceedings for dissolution of marriage, for nullity of marriage, or for judicial separation, or for restitution of conjugal rights, any particulars other than the following, that is to say :—

- (a) The names, addresses, and occupations of the parties and witnesses ;
- (b) A concise statement of the charges, defences, and counter-charges in support of which evidence has been given ;
- (c) Submissions on any point of law arising in the course of the proceedings, and the decision of the Court thereon ;
- (d) The summing-up of the Judge and the finding of the jury (if any) and the judgment of the Court and observations made by the Judge in giving judgment :

Provided that nothing in this section shall be held to permit the publication of anything contrary to the provisions of section two hereof.

4. If any person acts in contravention of the provisions of this Act he shall in respect of each offence be liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding four months, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds :

Provided that no person other than a proprietor, editor, master printer, or publisher shall be liable to be convicted under this Act.

Exemption of
certain documents.

5. Nothing in this Act shall apply to the printing of any pleading, transcript of evidence, or other document for use in connection with any judicial proceedings, or the communication thereof to persons concerned in the proceedings, or to the printing or publishing of any notice or report in pursuance of the directions of the Court; or to the printing or publishing of any matter in separate volume, or part of any *bona fide* series of law reports, which does not form part of any other publication, and consists solely of reports of proceedings in Courts of law, or in any publication of a technical character *bona fide* intended for circulation among members of the legal or medical professions. 5 10