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,

11th November, 1903.

Mr. Field.

JUVENILE SMOKING SUPPRESSION.

ANALYSIS.

4. No conviction if for benefit of health.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Penalty for supplying tobacco to youths.
3. Smoking by youths prohibited.

Recovery of penalties. 6. Commencement of Act.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to prohibit the Sale or Supply of Cigarettes, Cigars, or Title. Tobacco to, and the Smoking of Cigarettes, Cigars, or Tobacco by, Persons under Sixteen Years of Age.

5 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 Juvenile Smoking Short Title.

Suppression Act, 1903."

2. Every person who sells, gives, or supplies any cigarette, Penalty for cigar, or tobacco in any form to any youth under the age of sixteen supplying tobacco to youths. years shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against the provisions of this Act, and upon conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding ten pounds.

3. Every youth under the age of sixteen years who in a public smoking by youths place as defined by the first three subsections of section eighteen of prohibited. "The Police Offences Act, 1884," smokes a cigarette, cigar, or any part thereof, or tobacco in any form, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against this Act, and upon conviction thereof shall be 20 liable for the first offence to have a conviction recorded against him, or for the second or subsequent offence to a penalty of not exceeding five shillings.

4. No youth shall be convicted under this Act for using or No conviction if for smoking tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes if he produces a written per-25 mission from the guardian or parent of such youth, or a certificate of a legally qualified medical practitioner to the effect that the using or smoking of tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes is beneficial to the health of such person; and no person shall be convicted of supplying tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes to a person under the age of sixteen 30 years if he produces a certificate as aforesaid in respect of the person whom he is charged with supplying any such articles.

5. Any penalty imposed under section two of this Act may be Recovery of recovered in a summary manner under "The Justices of the Peace penalties. Act, 1882," and any penalty imposed under section three hereof shall 35 be recovered as a debt from the parent or guardian of such youth.

6. This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, Commencement of one thousand nine hundred and four.