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the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

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[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Coates.

LIFE INSURANCE AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Life Insurance Act, 1908.

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 Life Insurance Amendment Act, 1921, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Life Insurance Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) Part I of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

Part I of principal Act (relating to deposits by insurance companies) amended.

(a.) By omitting the several sub-headings preceding sections three, fourteen, fifteen, thirty-four, and thirty-eight respectively:

(b.) By repealing subsection one of section three, and substituting the following,—

“(1.) Every company which is now carrying on or hereafter commences to carry on in New Zealand the business of insurance upon human life or the grant of annuities shall deposit with the Public Trustee money or securities to the amount of five thousand pounds and to a further amount of five thousand pounds for every one hundred thousand pounds or part of one hundred thousand pounds by which the total amount assured by its policies current in its New Zealand business exceeds one hundred thousand pounds until the total sum secured by the moneys or securities deposited amounts to fifty thousand pounds, which is the maximum amount of compulsory deposit”:

(c.) By omitting the word “local” wherever that word occurs in sections four, six, eight, ten, and thirty-eight:

(d.) By repealing subsection four of section three; and by omitting from subsection five of that section the words "on account of balance of premiums or otherwise."

(e.) By repealing section fourteen:

(f.) By omitting from subsection one of section thirty-eight the words "and every foreign company which makes default in complying with the provisions of sections fifteen to thirty-two hereof." 5

(2.) Every company which is now carrying on, or hereafter commences to carry on, business in New Zealand shall, unless it has deposited money or securities to the maximum amount prescribed by section three of the principal Act as amended by this section, furnish to the Minister of Finance, in the months of January and July of each year, a return, verified by the statutory declaration of the principal officer of the company in New Zealand or of its attorney or agent in New Zealand, showing the total amount assured by its policies current on the last day of December or of June, as the case may be, preceding the date of the return. 10 15

Special provisions as to policies effected on the lives of children.

3. (1.) It shall be lawful for any insurance company to issue policies on the lives of children to provide— 20

(a.) For the repayment by the insurance company, on the death of any child in respect of whom a policy has been issued as aforesaid, of the amount of the premiums paid to such company under that policy, either with or without simple or compound interest thereon at a rate not exceeding *five* per centum per annum; or 25

(b.) For the payment of money on the expiration of a certain period, or on the attainment of a specified age by the child in respect of whom a policy is issued.

(2.) Nothing in section sixty-seven of the principal Act shall apply with respect to any policy issued under this section in so far as such policy provides for the matters specifically authorized by this section. 30

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(2A.) Nothing in section sixty-seven of the principal Act shall be deemed to prohibit a company returning on the death of a child the premiums received on any policy, notwithstanding that such policy has been effected before the passing of this Act. 35

Consequential repeals.

(3.) This section is in substitution for section sixty-eight of the principal Act, and that section and section three of the Life Insurance Amendment Act, 1920, are hereby accordingly repealed. 40