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LAMPS ON VEHICLES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to require Vehicles on Roads to carry Lamps at Night.

Title.

WHEREAS many accidents on roads are caused by vehicles which are not properly lighted at night, and it is expedient that lamps should be carried by such vehicles :

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 is "The Lamps on Vehicles Act, 1906."

Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

Interpretation.

"Vehicle" includes any brake, cab, carriage, cart, chaise, char-à-banc, hearse, omnibus, sleigh, stage-coach, tram-car, van, wagon, wagonette, or other similar conveyance ; but does not include any motor-car or traction-engine, nor any bicycle, tricycle, velocipede, or other similar machine :

"Road" means a public highway as defined by section one hundred of "The Public Works Act, 1894."

3. Every vehicle which may be driven or be upon any road during the period between sunset and sunrise shall be provided with a lamp or lamps, which shall be so constructed and placed as to exhibit a white light in the direction in which such vehicle proceeds, and so lighted and kept lighted as to afford adequate means of signalling the approach or position of such vehicle :

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Provided that where one lamp only is so carried it shall be attached to the off or right-hand side of the vehicle.

4. The owner of any vehicle who shall cause or suffer the same to be driven or to be upon any road without being provided with a lamp or lamps in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Penalty on owner of vehicle.

Penalty on driver of vehicle.

5. The driver or other person in charge of any vehicle provided with a lamp or lamps in accordance with the provisions of this Act who shall drive such vehicle, or cause or suffer the same to be driven or to be upon any road, shall, if such lamp or lamps be not duly placed, lighted, and kept lighted in the manner and during the period by this Act required, be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds. 5

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6. During the period between sunset and sunrise every person riding or being upon any bicycle, tricycle, velocipede, or other similar machine upon any road shall carry attached to the machine a lamp, which shall be so constructed and placed as to exhibit a white light in the direction in which such person is proceeding, and so lighted and kept lighted as to afford adequate means of signalling the approach or position of the machine. Every person offending against the provisions of this section shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds. 10 15

Recovery of penalties.

7. All penalties recoverable under the provisions of this Act may be recovered by any person in a summary manner as provided by "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

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