

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,
4th October, 1904.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

MAORI ANTIQUITIES ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Maori Antiquities Act, 1901."

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 Maori Antiquities Act Amendment Act, 1904"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Maori Antiquities Act, 1901" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

Short Title.

10 *New clause.*

1A. Section two of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:—

Repeal.

15 "In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context, the term 'Maori antiquities' includes Maori relics, articles manufactured with ancient Maori tools and according to Maori methods, and all other articles or things of historical or scientific value or interest and relating to New Zealand, but does not include any botanical or mineral collections or specimens."

Interpretation.

20 2. (1.) Every person who, without the express permission in writing of the Colonial Secretary, exports from New Zealand any Maori antiquity is liable to a fine not exceeding *one hundred* pounds.

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(2.) Notice of the intention to export any Maori antiquity shall be given by the exporter to the Collector or other proper officer of Customs at least twenty-four hours before shipment.

25 (3.) Any Maori antiquity entered for export contrary to this Act shall be forfeited and shall vest in His Majesty for the use of the people of New Zealand: *Provided that the Colonial Secretary may, after inquiry, cancel the forfeiture if he thinks fit.*

30 (4.) This section is in substitution for section six of the principal Act, which section is hereby accordingly repealed.

Repeal.

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certain conditions.

3. Nothing in the principal Act or in this Act shall be deemed to prevent any person who has offered any Maori antiquity for sale as provided by section four of the principal Act removing such Maori antiquity from New Zealand, provided that he has obtained the permission in writing of the Colonial Secretary.

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to be exported.

4. On any application for permission to export any Maori antiquity the Colonial Secretary may, if he thinks fit, make it a condition to the granting of the application that the owner of the antiquity allow it to be copied, by photography, cast, or otherwise, in such manner and by such person as the Colonial Secretary 10 directs.

(2.) Every such copy shall be the property of His Majesty for the use of the people of New Zealand.

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