

Hon. Mr. MacGregor.

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT (No. 2).

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Marriage Act, 1908.

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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 Marriage Amendment Act, 1920 (No. 2), and shall be read together with and as part of the Marriage Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) It shall not be lawful for the Registrar-General to enter in the list of Officiating Ministers the name of—

Exclusion from list of Officiating Ministers.

(a.) Any bishop, priest, or minister of the Roman Catholic Church so long as a certain decree known as the "Ne temere decree," or a decree or canon of the Council of Trent referred to therein, or Sections 1060, 1061, and 1062 of the "Codex Juris Canonici," or any of them, continue in force in the Dominion of New Zealand:

(b.) Any bishop, priest, or minister of any church which, by any articles of religion, confession of faith, decree, edict, encyclical, canon, bull, creed, catechism, or otherwise, denies or questions, either directly or by implication, the validity, in any sense whatsoever, of marriages solemnized in accordance with the provisions of the principal Act:

(c.) Any bishop, priest, or minister who, on any ground not recognized by law, has an objection to officiating in the solemnization of marriage between any particular persons.

(2.) It shall be lawful for the Governor-General, by Order in Council, to declare any Church to be such a Church as is described in paragraph (b) of subsection one hereof.

(3.) It shall be lawful for the Governor-General to make regulations requiring every person who certifies the name of any minister under the provisions of section ten of the principal Act to certify whether such minister comes within the provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection one hereof.

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