

*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,  
27th October, 1906.*

*Hon. Mr. Carroll.*

MAORI LAND SETTLEMENT ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Laws relating to Maori Lands.

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 Land Settlement Act Amendment Act, 1906"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Maori Land Settlement Act, 1905" (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act").

Short Title.

2. Section five of "The Maori Real Estate Management Act, 1888," so far as leases approved by the Board under the said Act or this Act are affected, is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

3. Any Maori land which, in the opinion of the Native Minister, has not been properly cleared of noxious weeds within the meaning of "The Noxious Weeds Act, 1900," shall be deemed to be Maori land subject to the provisions of sections eight to fifteen of the said Act as amended by this Act.

Land infested with noxious weeds may be vested in Boards.

4. Any Maori land which, in the opinion of the Native Minister, is not properly occupied by the Maori owners, but is suitable for Maori settlement, may on the recommendation of the Board be dealt with under the provisions of the said sections eight to fifteen as amended by this Act, but which said sections for the purposes of this section only are modified as follows:—

Land vested in Boards for Maori settlements only.

(a.) Paragraph (f) of the said section eight is modified by adding the following words thereto: "but such lease shall only be made to a Maori."

(b.) Paragraph (g) of the said section eight is omitted.

(c.) No land leased by the Board as aforesaid shall be assigned or sublet to other than a Maori without the consent of the Board and the Native Minister.

Land to be valued  
on request of  
Board.

5. The Valuer-General shall, on the request of the Board and on payment of the estimated cost, cause a valuation to be made of any land.

Disposal of fees paid  
into Public  
Account.

6. All moneys heretofore paid into the Public Account as fees or charges collected by Boards shall be deemed to be revenue of the Consolidated Fund, and shall be credited accordingly, and all such moneys hereafter paid into the Public Account shall be deemed to be credits to the vote for expenses in connection with the administration of the said Act and this Act, anything in "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900," or any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding. 5 10

7. All moneys arising from royalties on timber, flax, or kauri-gum which have been heretofore paid to the Board or to the President in respect of any land not vested in the Board may be wholly or partially paid out by the President in satisfaction of any liability due upon the land in respect of survey costs or any other lawful and valid charge, and the receipt of the person entitled to any such costs or charge shall be a sufficient acquittance and release to the Board or the President from all manner of claims in respect thereof, and the balance of such moneys, if any, shall be paid to the Maori owners according to their relative claims or interests in the land. 15 20

Provision in respect  
to alienation of  
land acquired by  
Natives.

8. The provisions in respect to confirmation contained in "The Native Land Court Act, 1894," and "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900," shall not apply in the case of alienation of any land or any interest in land acquired from the Crown or a European by any person being a Native as defined by "The Native Land Court Act, 1894 : 25

Provided all the instruments of transfer shall be in Maori and English, unless there is indorsed thereon a certificate as provided in subclause two of section fifty-four of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894." 30