

[AS REPORTED FROM THE GOLD FIELDS AND MINES COMMITTEE.]

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MINING ON HARBOUR BOARD RESERVES.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorize Mining on Harbour Board Reserves.

Title.

WHEREAS in certain mining districts in the colony reserves have been made as endowments to Harbour Boards, and such lands so reserved have been proved to be highly auriferous: And whereas mining industry is checked and great inconvenience arises in that the Wardens' Courts of the said districts have no jurisdiction within the said reserves:

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 Mining on Harbour Board Reserves Act, 1882;" and it shall come into operation on such day as the Governor in Council shall appoint.

Short Title.

2. From and after the date aforesaid all laws relating to gold fields and to Wardens' Courts shall operate within all Harbour Board reserves that may be situated in any mining district in any part of the colony as if the same had never been reserved or granted, and every holder of a miner's right or business license may exercise the same respectively over the aforesaid lands, subject to the provisions of this Act and of "The Mines Act, 1877," and of any regulations made thereunder.

Gold-fields laws to operate within all Harbour Board reserves situate in mining districts.

3. Saving and excepting as herein provided, nothing in this Act contained shall affect the title of the Harbour Boards to the aforesaid reserves.

Title of Harbour Boards not to be affected.

4. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect any leases, contracts, licenses, or agreements lawfully made and existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act.

Saving of existing leases.

5. The scale of fees to be charged in respect of the occupation for mining or other purposes of any portion of the said lands shall be the same as those fixed by "The Mines Act, 1877," and regulations made thereunder, and all moneys arising from such occupation shall, when received by the Receivers of Gold Fields Revenue be paid into the credit of the aforesaid Harbour Boards entitled to the same.

Scale of fees to be charged, and to whom payable.