

Hon. Sir R. H. Rhodes.

MILITARY SERVICE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Section 13 of principal Act amended.</p> <p>3. Sections 15 and 16 of principal Act severally amended.</p>	<p>4. Offences against principal Act to be punishable on summary conviction. Repeal.</p> <p>5. Section 53 of principal Act amended.</p> <p>6. Completed or pending proceedings not affected by this Act.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Military Service Act, 1916.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

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1. This Act may be cited as the Military Service Amendment Act, 1920, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Military Service Act, 1916 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
Short Title.
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2. Section thirteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words " may be tried and punished under the Army Act for the offence of desertion or of absenting himself without leave, as the case may be," and substituting the words " shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Act."
Section 13 of principal Act amended.
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3. Sections fifteen and sixteen of the principal Act are hereby severally amended by omitting from each of the said sections the words " guilty of desertion from that Force and shall be liable under the Army Act and this Act accordingly," and substituting in lieu thereof the words " to have committed an offence against this Act."
Sections 15 and 16 of principal Act severally amended.
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4. (1.) Every person who has committed an offence against the principal Act, either before or after the passing of this Act, for which no penalty is provided otherwise than by this section, is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for *one* year.
Offences against principal Act to be punishable on summary conviction.
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(2.) No proceedings shall be taken under this section in respect of any offence for which proceedings have already been taken under the principal Act.
- (3.) Section seventeen of the principal Act is hereby repealed.
Repeal.
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5. Section fifty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection three all words after the words " prescribed by regulations under this section," and substituting the words " shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Act."
Section 53 of principal Act amended.
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6. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting or relating to any proceeding by or before a Court-martial heretofore completed or now pending under the provisions of the principal Act.
Completed or pending proceedings not affected by this Act.