

MILITARY TRAINING AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill makes miscellaneous amendments to the Military Training Act 1949.

Clause 2: At present, a person becomes liable for compulsory military training at the age of eighteen. The amendment made by *subclause (1)* of this clause authorises the Minister from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, to fix any other age above eighteen, but not exceeding twenty, as the age at which persons become liable for training. The other subclauses make consequential amendments.

Clause 3 repeals section 19 of the principal Act, under which persons under eighteen may be registered and called up at their own request.

Clause 4 provides that, for certain trades in the Air Force, whole-time service and part-time training may be aggregated by calling up the trainee for a maximum period of 158 days of continuous whole-time service (i.e., the equivalent of the normal 14 weeks of whole-time service plus the maximum of 60 days of part-time training). When that is done, the trainee will not be liable for any part-time service, but will be transferred to the Reserve for nine years instead of six.

Hon. Mr Sullivan

MILITARY TRAINING AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Military Training Act 1949

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Military Training Amendment Act 1956, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Military Training Act 1949 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

- 10 2. **Age at which liability for service commences**—(1) Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection one, the following subsection:—
- 15 “(1A) For the purposes of this Part of this Act, the Minister may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, fix any age above the age of eighteen years, but not exceeding twenty years, as the age at which the liability of persons to be called upon to serve in the armed forces shall commence. Any such

notice shall take effect from such date as may be specified therein. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, any such age may be so fixed either in years or in years and months; and every such notice shall have effect according to its tenor."

(2) The said section three is hereby further amended by inserting in subsection one, after the words "eighteen years", the words ", or such later age as may be fixed for the time being under subsection one A of this section,".

(3) Section eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after the words "eighteen years", the words "or, as the case may be, such later age as may be fixed for the time being under the said section three".

(4) Section two of the Military Training Amendment Act 1953 (which relates to the liability for service of men becoming resident in New Zealand) is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after the words "eighteen years", the words "or, as the case may be, such later age as may be fixed for the time being under section three of the principal Act".

3. Repeal of provisions relating to early registration—

(1) Section nineteen of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

(2) Section eight of the principal Act is hereby consequentially amended by omitting from subsection two the words "and shall also be deemed to include persons who have been registered under section nineteen of this Act".

4. Aggregation of whole-time and part-time training in certain trades in Royal New Zealand Air Force—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section eighteen, the following section:

"18A. (1) This section applies to calling-up notices for service in the Royal New Zealand Air Force in such trades as may from time to time be determined by the Air Board.

"(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the period to be stated in any calling-up notice to which this section applies may be a specified period of continuous whole-time service exceeding fourteen weeks but not exceeding one hundred and fifty-eight days.

“(3) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, where a calling-up notice to which this section applies is served, the following provisions shall apply:

5 “(a) The person on whom the notice is served shall be liable to serve the specified period of continuous whole-time service in accordance with section six of this Act:

10 “(b) On the completion of that period of continuous whole-time service in accordance with the said section six that person shall not be liable to be called upon to serve a term of part-time service, and nothing in section seven or section twenty of this Act shall apply:

15 “(c) On the day next after the day on which that period of continuous whole-time service is completed that person shall be deemed, subject to the provisions of section four of this Act, to be transferred to the Air Force Reserve for a term of nine years.”