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# Native Marriages Validation.

## ANALYSIS.

Title.	3. Validity of marriages heretofore celebrated between Natives.
Preamble.	
1. Short Title.	4. Validity of marriages hereafter to be celebrated between Natives.
2. Interpretation.	

### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to validate certain Marriages between Title.  
Aboriginal Natives of the Colony.

**W**HEREAS a number of marriages have heretofore been con- Preamble.  
tracted between persons of the aboriginal native race within  
this colony, which, though the marriage ceremonies have been per-  
formed before persons duly authorized under the law to perform  
5 the same, are regarded as of doubtful validity, because of non-  
compliance with certain requirements of the marriage laws in force  
within the colony: And whereas it is desirable to remove such  
doubts, and also to make provision for future marriages:

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Native Marriages Short Title.  
Validation Act, 1877.”

2. In the construction of this Act the word “Native” shall mean Interpretation.  
15 an aboriginal native of the Colony of New Zealand, and shall include  
all half-castes and their descendants by Natives.

3. Every marriage heretofore celebrated between Natives, where Validity of marriages  
heretofore celebrated  
between Natives.  
20 the marriage ceremony shall have been performed by any person who  
at the time was duly authorized by law to celebrate marriages, shall  
be deemed and taken to be, and to have been from the time such  
ceremony was performed, valid and binding, notwithstanding that any  
other requirements of the marriage laws then in force may not have  
been complied with.

4. Every marriage hereafter to be celebrated between Natives Validity of marriages  
hereafter to be cele-  
brated between  
Natives.  
25 shall, if the ceremony be performed before some person duly authorized  
to celebrate marriages, be valid and binding, without any further or  
other compliance with the marriage laws which may then be in force.