

NATIONAL ROADS AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill makes miscellaneous amendments to the National Roads Act 1953.

Clause 2 removes the requirement that the Chairman of the National Roads Board must be an officer of the Ministry of Works. The effect of the amendment is that the Governor-General in Council may appoint any person to be the Chairman of the Board.

Clause 3: The effect of this amendment is that the sum of £1,000,000, which by section 22 (3) of the principal Act is to be paid annually out of the Consolidated Fund into the National Roads Fund, must in future be appropriated each year by Parliament.

Clause 4: Section 23 (7) of the principal Act prescribes the form of the certificate that must be supplied each year by County Councils, Town Councils of dependent town districts, and Road Boards to enable the subsidy payable to the local authority to be calculated. Section 2 (1) of the National Roads Amendment Act 1954 substituted new provisions as to the amount of subsidy payable to those classes of local authorities but made no consequential change in the form of certificate required, and this clause makes the appropriate consequential amendment.

Hon. Mr Goosman

NATIONAL ROADS AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title.

1. Short Title.

2. Chairman of National Roads Board.

3. Payment from Consolidated Fund to National Roads Fund to be appropriated.

4. Certificate by local authority as to amount of rates on which subsidy calculated.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the National Roads Act 1953.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the National Roads Amendment Act 1955, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the National Roads Act 1953 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

1953, No. 118

10 2. Section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a) of subsection two, and substituting the following paragraph:

Chairman of National Roads Board.

“(a) One member, to be appointed as the Chairman of the Board:”.

Payment from
Consolidated
Fund to
National Roads
Fund to be
appropriated.

Certificate by
local authority
as to amount
of rates on
which subsidy
calculated.

1941, No. 4

3. Section twenty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection three the words "without further appropriation than this section", and substituting the words "out of money appropriated by Parliament".

4. Section twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection seven, and substituting the following subsection:

"(7) As soon as practicable in each financial year each local authority that is entitled to a subsidy under paragraph (c) of subsection one of this section shall supply to the Board a certificate by the Chairman or Treasurer of the local authority showing the general rates (excluding money levied for hospital purposes or for the purposes of any other local authority) and of separate and special rates for roading purposes that were levied by the local authority for any preceding financial year and were actually collected by the local authority, or by another local authority as its agent under section thirty of the Finance Act 1941, during the financial year immediately preceding that in which the subsidy is due, and the Board shall calculate the subsidy payable to the local authority on the basis of that certificate."