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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,
5th November, 1901.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

NEW ZEALAND ENSIGN.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to establish and define an Ensign for New Zealand. Title.

WHEREAS by Proclamation under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, dated the twenty-third day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, it was declared, in accordance with the Queen's Regulations made under the provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament intituled "The Colonial Defence Act, 1865," that the flag hereinafter described should have the distinctive seal or badge of the Colony of New Zealand for all vessels belonging to or permanently employed in the service of the colony: And whereas the said flag has since been in general use for the purpose aforesaid, and also as the recognised ensign of the colony: And whereas it is desirable that the same flag should be by law established as the ensign of the colony for the purposes hereinafter mentioned:

15 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 New Zealand Ensign Act, 1901." Short Title.

20 2. The New Zealand Ensign shall be the blue ensign of the Royal Naval Reserve, having on the fly thereof the Southern Cross as represented by four five-pointed red stars with white borders. Description of ensign.

3. The said ensign shall be the recognised flag of the colony for general use on shore within the colony and on all vessels belonging to the Government of New Zealand or which are from time to time permitted under an Admiralty warrant to use the same. Use of ensign.

25 4. Every person who defaces the New Zealand Ensign by placing any sign, representation, or letter thereon shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds. Penalty for defacing ensign.