

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

Legislative Council,  
14th September, 1900.

Hon. Mr. W. C. Walker.

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NEW ZEALAND ENSIGN AND CODE SIGNALS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to establish and define an Ensign ~~and also Code Signal~~ Title.  
Flags for New Zealand.

*New.*

5 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,"

10 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

15 desirable that the same flag should be by law established as the ensign of the colony for all purposes:

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

- 20 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The New Zealand Ensign ~~and Code Signals Act, 1900."~~ Short Title.
2. ~~There is hereby established an ensign to be called the "New Zealand Ensign."~~ New Zealand ensign established.
- 25 3. The New Zealand ensign shall be the blue ensign of ~~Her Majesty's fleet, the Royal Naval Reserve,~~ Description of ensign.  
having on the fly thereof the Southern Cross as represented by four five-pointed red stars with white borders.

*Struck out.*Code signal flags  
established.

4. There are also hereby established code signal flags as follows:—

(1.) The code signal flag for ships registered in New Zealand and belonging to or permanently employed by the New Zealand Government shall be the blue ensign of Her Majesty's fleet with a white disc on the fly thereof containing the Southern Cross as represented by four five-pointed red stars. 5

(2.) The code signal flag for merchant ships registered in New Zealand shall be the red ensign of Her Majesty's fleet with a white disc on the fly thereof containing the Southern Cross as represented by four five-pointed red stars. 10

Penalty for  
defacing ensign  
or flag.

5. Every person who defaces the New Zealand ensign or ~~any code signal flag~~ by placing any sign, representation, or letter thereon, or ~~(in the case of the code signal flag for ships) by altering the disc or its contents,~~ shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds. 15

Act reserved.

6. This Act shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation in the *Gazette*: Provided that such Proclamation shall not be made unless it contains a statement that Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of this Act. 20