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, 24th July, 1894.

Hon. Sir P. A. Buckley.

OFFENSIVE PUBLICATIONS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

Penalties increased for gross offences under Act.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Offensive Publications Act, 1892." BE IT 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 Offensive Publications Short Title.

Title.

Act Amendment Act, 1894."

2. When a person is charged before Justices with any offence Penalties increased against "The Offensive Publications Act, 1892," and they shall for gross offences under Act. deem the offence of so gross a nature as to merit a greater punish-

nall under Act.

deem the offence of so gross a nature as to merit a greater punishment than can be inflicted under the said Act, they may, on summary conviction, and notwithstanding anything in the said Act contained, sentence such person to imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding one year.

By Authority: SAMUEL COSTALL, Government Printer, Wellington.—1894.

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