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*Hon. Mr. Wilford.*

## REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS AMENDMENT.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Reformatory Institutions Act, 1909.

Title.

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

5 follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Reformatory Institutions Amendment Act, 1918, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Reformatory Institutions Act, 1909 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

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#### *State Institutions.*

2. (1.) The Governor-General may by Proclamation declare any building or place to be a State Inebriates Institution or a State Reformatory Institution, and thereupon such building or place, together with such area of land immediately adjoining as may be defined in the Proclamation, shall be deemed to be an Inebriates Home or a Reformatory Home, as the case may be, within the meaning of the principal Act.

Governor-General may proclaim State Inebriates Institutions and State Reformatory Institutions.

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(2.) There shall be appointed for every institution proclaimed under this section a Superintendent and such other officers as may be necessary.

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Visiting Justices of State Institutions.

3. (1.) For every State Inebriates Institution or State Reformatory Institution under this Act the Governor-General may from time to time appoint two or more Justices to be Visiting Justices.

(2.) The Justices so appointed, or any two or more of them, shall from time to time visit and inspect the institution or institutions for which they are appointed, and shall, in respect of the inmates of such institutions, have the same powers as are conferred by the Prisons Act, 1908, on Visiting Justices of Prisons with respect to prisoners. 5

(3.) Regulations under section thirty-nine of the principal Act may prescribe the offences by inmates of State institutions that may be dealt with by Visiting Justices appointed under this section, and may fix a scale of punishments that may be inflicted for such offences. 10

Inmates of State Institutions to be required to work.

4. All persons detained in a State Inebriates Institution or a State Reformatory Home shall be required to perform such labour or tasks as may be assigned to them by the Superintendent or other officer, and failure to perform such labour or tasks shall constitute an offence punishable by Visiting Justices acting under the *last preceding* section. 15 20

Voluntary applications for detention in State Inebriates Institutions.

5. An order shall not be made under section seven or section nine of the principal Act for the detention of any person in a State Inebriates Institution unless the person so to be detained has on at least four occasions been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment. 25

Women or girls convicted of certain offences may be detained in State Reformatory Institutions.

6. In the exercise of the jurisdiction conferred on a Magistrate or Judge by section eleven or section twelve of the principal Act it shall not in any case be necessary to obtain the consent of the defendant for her detention in a State Reformatory Institution, and in any such case the said sections shall be read and construed accordingly. 30

#### General.

Officers of institutions to have powers, &c., of constables.

7. Officers of Institutions under the principal Act or this Act, shall while acting as such, have all the powers, authorities, protection, and privileges of constables. 35

Section 11 of principal Act amended.

8. (1.) Section eleven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "twelve months," and substituting the words "two years."

Section 12 of principal Act amended.

(2.) Section twelve of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "one year," and substituting the words "two years." 40

Transfer of female prisoners to State Reformatory Institution or Reformatory Home.

9. (1.) The Minister of Justice may at any time, by order under his hand, transfer to a State Reformatory Institution or to a Reformatory Home any female prisoner detained in a prison under sentence of imprisonment, and, by way of punishment for any offence against the rules of an institution or for other sufficient cause, may in like manner transfer to a prison any inmate of a State Reformatory Institution or of a Reformatory Home. 45

(2.) The period of detention in a State Reformatory Institution or a Reformatory Home under this section shall be deemed to be detention under sentence of imprisonment. 50

10. (1.) The Minister of Justice may at any time, by order under his hand, transfer to a State Inebriates Institution or to an Inebriates Home any prisoner detained in a prison under sentence of imprisonment, and, by way of punishment for any offence against the rules of an institution or for other sufficient cause, may in like manner transfer to a prison any inmate of a State Inebriates Institution or an Inebriates Home.
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- (2.) The period of detention in a State Inebriates Institution or an Inebriates Home under this section shall be deemed to be
- 10 detention under sentence of imprisonment.
11. The Minister of Justice may from time to time appoint a Visiting Committee for any institution with power to inquire into and report to the Minister on applications for the release on probation or for the discharge of inmates of that institution.
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12. Every person who, without lawful authority or excuse, holds or attempts to hold any communication, direct or indirect, with any inmate of an institution, or enters upon any such institution, or trespasses on the land used or occupied in connection with such institution, is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding *three* months, or to a fine not exceeding *fifty* pounds.
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13. Section thirty of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following words:—
- “Provided that an appeal under this section may be made at any time within three weeks after the date upon which the order of detention was signed by the Magistrate.”
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14. Section thirty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—
- “(4.) The Magistrate or Judge by whom an order of detention is made under this Act may, in the same or any other order, make an order for the cost of the maintenance of the person detained in the institution, either against the estate of the person so detained or against the estate of the husband, wife, or father of that person.”
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15. The Third Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the words:—
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5. Crimes involving dishonesty within the meaning of section two hundred and thirty-seven of the Crimes Act, 1908.

Transfer of prisoners to State Inebriates Institution or to Inebriates Home.

Appointment of Visiting Committees.

Penalty for unlawfully communicating with inmates of institutions.

Section 30 of principal Act amended.

Section 38 of principal Act amended.

Third Schedule to principal Act amended.