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(Mr. Cuthbertson.)

## Registration of Births.

### ANALYSIS.

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### AN ACT to extend the time for the Registration of Births in certain cases.

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to provide for the registration of births on satisfactory proof within a period of fourteen years after the birth of a child, in a register to be called the Supplementary Register of Births :

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 shall be “The Registration of Births Act, 1874.”

2. Every Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages in New Zealand shall, in addition to the books provided for in “The Registration Act, 1858,” keep a book to be called the Supplementary Register of Births, which shall be similar to the register books of births at present in use.

3. Notwithstanding the terms and provisions of section seventeen of “The Registration Act, 1858,” it shall be lawful for any Registrar or Deputy Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages, in such Supplementary Register of Births, to register the birth of any child, upon payment of a fee of one pound sterling, provided proof of the date of the birth of such child be given to the satisfaction of such Registrar or Deputy Registrar by the solemn declaration of one of the parents, or of some person who was present at the birth ; and certified copies of such Supplementary Register of Births, or of entries made therein, given by the Registrar-General or by any Registrar, and purporting to be signed by such officials respectively, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence in any Court of Justice within the colony of the fact of the birth to which the same relates: Provided always that it shall not be lawful for any such Registrar or Deputy Registrar to register the birth of any child in such Supplementary Register of Births after the expiry of fourteen years from the date of such birth.

4. Every person who shall wilfully make any false statement in the solemn declaration required by section three of this Act, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanour.

5. Notwithstanding the terms and provisions of section twenty-six of “The Registration Act, 1858,” no person shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be liable to any penalty for neglecting to register the birth of any child.

6. This Act shall be read and construed as part of “The Registration Act, 1858.”