

REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill deals with the position that has arisen by reason of the fact that Pakistan has become a Republic, while remaining a part of the Commonwealth.

It provides that all existing laws shall continue to apply as if Pakistan had not become a Republic, unless any such law is duly altered in the future so as not to apply.

Clause 3 applies the Bill to the Cook Islands, the Tokelau Islands, and Western Samoa, and declares the Bill to be a reserved enactment – that is, one that cannot be repealed or altered by the Legislature of Western Samoa.

Hon. Mr Macdonald

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ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to make provision as to the operation of the law in relation to Pakistan, and persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with Pakistan, in view of Pakistan's having become a Republic while remaining a member of the Commonwealth

WHEREAS on the twenty-third day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, Pakistan became a Republic while remaining a member of the Commonwealth:

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

1. Short Title and commencement—(1) This Act may be cited as the Republic of Pakistan Act 1956.

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the twenty-third day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

2. Existing law to apply as if Pakistan had not become a Republic—(1) All existing law – that is to say, all law which, whether it is a rule of law or a provision of an Act of any Parliament or a provision of any other enactment or instrument whatsoever, has come into force or been passed or made before the commencement of this Act – shall, until provision to the contrary is made by the authority having power to alter that law, have the same operation in relation to Pakistan, and to persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with Pakistan, as it would have had if Pakistan had not become a Republic. 5 10

(2) This section extends to law of, or of any part of, New Zealand or any of the territories referred to in section *three* of this Act.

3. Application of Act to Cook Islands, Tokelau Islands, and Western Samoa—(1) This Act shall be in force in the following territories: 15

(a) The Cook Islands:

(b) The Tokelau Islands:

(c) Western Samoa. 20

(2) This Act is hereby declared to be a reserved enactment for the purposes of section nine of the Samoa Amendment Act 1947.