

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill deals with the position that has arisen by virtue of the fact that Sierra Leone became a Republic on 19 April 1971, while remaining a member of the Commonwealth.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title and commencement. The Act is deemed to have come into force on 19 April 1971.

Clause 2: Subclause (1) provides that existing law shall continue to apply as if Sierra Leone had not become a Republic, unless any such law is duly altered in the future so as not to apply.

Subclause (2) provides that the clause extends to the law of, or of any part of, New Zealand or of any of the territories referred to in *clause 3*.

Clause 3: Subclause (1) provides that the new Act is to be in force in Niue and in the Tokelau Islands.

Subclause (2) makes the new Act a reserved enactment in Niue. The result is that the Niue Island Assembly may not make any Ordinance that is repugnant to the new Act.

Right Hon. Sir Keith Holyoake

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A BILL INTITULED

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

WHEREAS on the 19th day of April 1971, Sierra Leone became a Republic while remaining a member of the Commonwealth:

10 **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 Sierra Leone Act 1971.
15 (2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 19th day of April 1971.

2. Existing law to apply as if Sierra Leone 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 Sierra Leone, and to persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with Sierra Leone, as it would have had if Sierra Leone had not become a Republic.

(2) This section extends to the law of, or of any part of, New Zealand or of any of the territories referred to in section 3 of this Act.

3. Application of Act to Niue and Tokelau Islands—

(1) This Act shall be in force in the following territories:

(a) Niue:

(b) The Tokelau Islands.

(2) The First Schedule to the Niue Act 1966 is hereby amended by adding the following words:

“1971, No. 00—

The Republic of Sierra Leone Act 1971

 | The whole
 | Act.”