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SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Shearers' and Agricultural Labourers' Accommodation Act, 1908. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Shearers' Accommodation Amendment Act, 1911, and it shall be read with and as part of the Shearers' and Agricultural Labourers' Accommodation Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

2. Section eight of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following provisions are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, viz.:— Section 8 of principal Act amended.

Proper and sufficient accommodation shall mean,—

(a.) That all buildings provided by the employer for the accommodation of shearers shall be separate from the shearing-shed, and shall be distant therefrom not less than one hundred and fifty feet nor less than nine hundred feet from any killing-yard, or piggery, or other building in which any operation of an offensive nature is carried on or which contains offensive matter:

(b.) That buildings used for sleeping-accommodation and for the cooking and serving of meals shall be kept in a clean and healthy state by the employer:

(c.) That not less than two hundred and forty cubic feet of air-space shall be allowed to each person sleeping in any such building:

- (d.) That the height of the sleeping room or department shall not be less than nine feet six inches measured by the wall-studs :
- (e.) That a sufficient number of bunks shall be provided by the employer in each sleeping apartment or room for the accommodation of shearers, but in no case shall more than two bunks in height be allowed in any such room or apartment, and where females are employed separate and sufficient accommodation and privacy shall be provided : 5
- (f.) That in every dining room or apartment a fireplace with proper chimney shall be provided by the employer : 10
- (g.) That in all bunks or beds (other than those furnished with spring mattresses) mattresses of sufficient chaff or straw shall be provided by the employer for each shearer :
- (h.) That no room or apartment used for sleeping shall be used for the cooking or serving of meals : 15
- (i.) That proper and sufficient light and ventilation shall be provided in the sleeping room or apartment and dining-room :
- (j.) That each sleeping room or apartment and dining-room shall be provided with a wooden floor : 20
- (k.) That each dining room shall be provided with sufficient light every evening until the hour of nine o'clock :
- (l.) That proper and sufficient cooking-utensils and table accommodation shall be supplied by the employer in each cooking and dining room : 25
- (m.) That a sufficient supply of good water for drinking, cooking, and washing purposes shall be supplied convenient to such buildings of accommodation :
- (n.) That there shall be a room or apartment contiguous to such buildings of accommodation with a boiler therein and the necessary utensils for washing clothes and for the ordinary ablutionary purposes of the shearers, which shall be provided by the employer : 30
- (o.) That sufficient latrine accommodation shall be provided, situate not less than one hundred feet from the buildings of accommodation and not less than two hundred feet from the water-supply used for cooking, drinking, or washing purposes by the shearers : 35
- (p.) That no killing-yard for the supply of meat for the use of the shearers shall be situate within one hundred feet of any piggery or other building which contains matter of an offensive nature, nor shall any such killing-yard, piggery, or building be situate within two hundred feet of the water-supply used by the shearers for cooking, drinking, or washing purposes : 40 45
- (q.) That no meat for the use of shearers shall be hung within one hundred feet of any piggery or any building containing offensive matter :
- (r.) That no dogs shall be chained or kennelled within two hundred yards of any sleeping-room or apartment, nor within one hundred feet of any water-race or other open 50

water-supply from which water may be obtained by the shearers for cooking, drinking, or washing purposes :

- 5 (s.) That a book of instructions on first aid to the injured, and a proper and sufficiently supplied medicine-chest, shall be provided by every employer for the convenience of shearers ; all medicine to be charged for at the nearest town rates, with the cost of carriage added, and, in case of accident, medicine to be supplied free by the employer :
- 10 (t.) That every employer shall, within three days after the day on which shearing has commenced at his shearing-shed, post or cause to be delivered to the Inspector, at his official address, a notice that his buildings of accommodation in all things comply with the provisions of this section.

15 3. Buildings of accommodation erected prior to the coming into operation of this Act and which shall be deemed by the Inspector to have been erected at an inconvenient distance shall, on notice being served as provided for by section six of the principal Act, be shifted by the employer, within a time to be stated in such notice, to comply
 20 with the distance provided for by this Act, and the Inspector shall in a similar manner order any shearing-shed to be altered or amended to comply with the terms of the *last preceding* section hereof.

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4. Section nine of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Repeal.