

Right Hon. Mr. Massey.

SHOPS AND OFFICES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Section 25 of principal Act amended.</p> | <p>3. Requisition as to chemists' shops.</p> <p>4. Section 3 of principal Act amended.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN Act to amend the Shops and Offices 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:—

5 1. This Act may be cited as the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Shops and Offices Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

10 2. Section twenty-five of the principal Act, as amended by the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:—

Section 25 of principal Act amended.

15 “(12.) It shall not be lawful for the occupier of a shop in any district to sell or deliver any goods, the sale of which is comprised in the principal business of boot and shoe dealers, at any time while the shops of boot and shoe dealers in the same district are closed in pursuance of a requisition made under this section.”

20 3. (1.) A requisition under the said section twenty-five relating to the closing-hours of chemists' shops may provide for the exemption therefrom of any specified shop or shops for the purpose only of the sale of medicines and surgical appliances that are urgently needed, and in such case the provisions of subsection four of section three of the principal Act shall not apply to any chemist's shop in the district which is within *two* miles of such specified shop by the

25 nearest route as determined by the Inspector:

Requisition as to chemists' shops.

Provided that the Minister shall not direct that any shop shall be so exempted unless he is satisfied that all the occupiers of the shops affected by this section have been afforded an equal right to share in the profits of the business carried on by such specified shop.

(2.) In any district where a requisition relating to the closing-hours of chemists' shops is in force, a majority of the occupiers of such shops may, notwithstanding anything in subsection six of the said section twenty-five, make a similar requisition providing for the exemption of any specified shop or shops as aforesaid, and thereupon, but subject to the provisions of the *last preceding* subsection, the requisition then in force shall be deemed to be modified to the extent provided in such similar requisition. 5

Section 3 of
principal Act
amended.

4. Subsection four of section three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "chemist's assistant who resides on the premises of the shop," and substituting the word "chemist." 10