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Mr. Hindmarsh.

SHOPS AND OFFICES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Amendment.

3. Amendment.

4. Employment of women after 10.30 p.m.

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:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Shops and Offices Amendment short Title. Act, 1917, and shall form part of and be read together with the Shops and Offices Act, 1908.

Struck out.

10 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection one of section five of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby amended by omitting the word "sixty-two," and substituting the word "fifty-two."

3. Section eleven of the Shops and Offices Act, 1913, is hereby amended by omitting the word "fifty-six," and substituting the

15 word "fifty-two."

4. No woman shall be employed in or about any refreshmentroom after ten o'clock in the evening, except on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

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2. (1.) No woman shall be employed in or about any hotel, Employment of 20 private hotel, restauraut, or refreshment-room after half-past ten women after 10.30 p.m. o'clock in the evening, except on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and except and unless permanent and suitable sleepingaccommodation is provided for each woman employed after half-past ten o'clock in the evening on the premises to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Factories:

Provided that no woman shall be employed in or about any

private hotel, restaurant, or refreshment-room after midnight.

(2.) Upon the application of any occupier of any restaurant or Refreshment-room, the Inspector of Factories may grant a permit to such occupier to employ any woman extended hours not exceeding two and a half on any one occasion; such extended hours shall not exceed seventy-five hours in any one year.

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