

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*House of Representatives,
18th October, 1917.*

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Mr. Hindmarsh.

SHOPS AND OFFICES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Restriction of the hours of employment of women and girls in hotels and restaurants.</p> <p>3. Regulations.</p> | <p>4. Amended provisions as to chemist shops where requisition under section 25 of principal Act is in force.</p> <p>5. Exempted shops.</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:—

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

Short, Title.

Struck out.

10 2. (1.) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no woman or girl shall be employed in or about a hotel or restaurant after half-past ten o'clock in the evening of any day unless suitable sleeping accommodation is provided for her in such hotel or restaurant, or in a building adjacent thereto.

Restriction of the hours of employment of women and girls in hotels and restaurants.

15 (2.) Without complying with the foregoing provisions of this section as to providing sleeping accommodation, the occupier of an hotel or restaurant may continue to employ any woman or girl in or about such hotel or restaurant after half-past ten o'clock in the evening of any day, but so that the aggregate number of hours 20 during which any woman or girl is so employed after half-past ten o'clock (in this section referred to as extended hours) shall not exceed seventy-five hours in any year.

25 (3.) In every case where extended hours are worked as aforesaid, written notice thereof shall, within twenty-four hours thereafter, be given to the Inspector of Factories by the occupier of the hotel or restaurant.

(4.) Every assistant employed during such extended hours shall, at the first regular pay-day thereafter, be paid for such employment,

in addition to her ordinary wages, at the rate of one and a half times the ordinary rate of wages, computed by the hour, or the sum of ninepence an hour, whichever is the greater.

(5.) In no case shall any woman or girl continue to be employed in or about a restaurant after midnight of any day.

(6.) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to restrict the operation of section five of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1910, relating to the hours of employment of assistants in or about hotels or restaurants.

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2A. (1.) No woman or girl shall be employed in or about a shop in which food and refreshments of any kind are provided and sold to the general public for consumption on the premises after the hour of half-past ten o'clock in the evening of any day :

Provided that such woman or girl may, with the written permission of the Inspector obtained by the occupier of such shop before five o'clock in the evening on that day, be employed after the hour of half-past ten o'clock aforesaid but not more than thirty nights in any year, and in any case not later than midnight.

(2.) Before issuing such permission the Inspector shall be satisfied that reasonable provision has been made for the safe return of the woman or girl to her place of residence.

(3.) Every assistant employed during such extended hours shall, at the first regular pay-day thereafter, be paid for such employment, in addition to her ordinary wages, at the rate of one and a half times the ordinary rate of wages, computed by the hour, or the sum of ninepence an hour, whichever is the greater.

Struck out.

3. The Governor-General may, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations prescribing all matters necessary to secure suitable bedroom accommodation mentioned in section *two* hereof.

4. (1.) Subsection one of section three of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1915, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "subsection four of section three" the words "or of subparagraph four of paragraph (c) of section eighteen."

5. (2.) The provisions of the principal Act relating to the closing of shops on the weekly half-holiday shall not apply to ~~such exempted shop~~ a shop exempted under section three of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1915.

Restriction of the hours of employment of women and girls in restaurants.

Regulations.

Amended provisions as to chemist shops where requisition under section 25 of principal Act is in force.

Exempted shops.