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Hon. Mr. Veitch.

SHOPS AND OFFICES AMENDMENT (No. 2).

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22.

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, 1929, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1) In this section the term "special day" means a day referred to in subsection one of section twenty-six of the principal Act, and "award holiday" means a holiday provided for by any award.

Special provision as to compliance with statutory closing-day and weekly half-holiday requirements of principal Act in certain cases.

(2) The requirements of the principal Act as to the statutory closing-day, or observance of a weekly half-holiday, in shops shall be deemed to have been complied with in relation to any shop in any week if that shop has, in that week, been closed for two working-days, being special days or award holidays as hereinbefore defined, or being one special day and one award holiday.

(3) Subsection three of section twenty-six of the principal Act and section eleven of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1927, are hereby consequentially repealed.

Repeals.

3. Section thirty of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

Section 30 of principal Act amended.

(a) By adding the following proviso:—

"Provided that if an Inspector, in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding subsection, dispenses with the requirement as to separate entrances, the several classes of business shall be deemed to be carried on in different shops at all times while such dispensation continues in force."

(b) By adding the following subsections:—

“(2) For the purposes of the last preceding subsection an Inspector may, by writing under his hand, dispense with the requirement as to separate entrances in any case if, in his opinion, the provision of such separate entrances is impracticable in the circumstances of that case, and is not essential as a means of ensuring that the several classes of business will be carried on in compliance with the law. 5

“(3) If the occupier of a shop in respect of which an Inspector grants any dispensation as aforesaid is subsequently convicted under this Act of any offence in relation to the closing of such shop or of any subdivision thereof, such dispensation shall be suspended by the Magistrate for such period as he thinks fit.” 10

4. Section thirty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:— 15

(a) By inserting in subsection one, before the words “the goods,” the words “or any of.”

(b) By omitting from subsection two all words after the word “*Gazette*,” and substituting the words “prohibit the sale, in the said district during such times, to be stated in the notice, as the shops in such trade are required to be closed as aforesaid, of such goods as are specified in the notice.” 20

(c) By repealing subsection three, and substituting the following subsection:— 25

“(3) While any such notice remains in force it shall be an offence to sell any goods specified therein during the times specified therein.”

5. Subsection two of section sixty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the words “and in addition may at all reasonable times inspect any part of the premises in or on which a shop is situated if he has reason to suspect or believe that goods belonging to the occupier of such shop are kept for sale in or on such part, and that such part is in the occupation of the occupier of such shop or that he has a right or leave to enter therein or thereon.” 30 35

Section 33 of principal Act amended.

Section 66 of principal Act amended.