

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,
12th August, 1926.*

Hon. Mr. McLeod.

SCENERY PRESERVATION AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Minister may authorize taking or killing of certain animals or birds in scenic reserves.</p> <p>3. Licenses to occupy portions of reserves may be granted for short terms. Repeal.</p> | <p>4. Land acquired or reserved for scenic purposes under other Acts may be proclaimed reserves under principal Act. Repeal.</p> <p>5. Local authorities may contribute towards cost of acquisition of land and improvement of reserves.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Scenery Preservation 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 Scenery Preservation Amendment Act, 1926, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

10 2. (1.) The Minister may from time to time, by writing under his hand, and subject to such conditions as he may impose in that behalf, authorize any person to take and kill any specified kind of animals or birds that may be found in any reserve, and may for that purpose, anything to the contrary in the principal Act notwithstanding, authorize the use of firearms within the reserve.

Minister may authorize taking or killing of certain animals or birds in scenic reserves.

15 (2.) This section shall not apply with respect to any animal or bird that is for the time being absolutely protected throughout New Zealand, or is protected within the reserve, by virtue of the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, or to any animal or bird being imported game or native game within the meaning of that Act, or to opossums.

20 (3.) Any authority conferred pursuant to this section, or to section thirty-one or section thirty-two of the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, shall, to the extent thereof, supersede the provisions of paragraph (bb) of section fifteen of the principal Act, and no act done in conformity with that authority shall constitute an offence against the provisions of the said paragraph.

25 3. (1.) The Minister may from time to time in accordance with this section, grant licenses to occupy any portion of a reserve for such period, not exceeding ten years in any case, and on such other terms and conditions as he thinks fit.

Licenses to occupy portions of reserves may be granted for short terms

(2.) A license under this section may be granted in respect of any part of a reserve intended for use as a site for a tramway, but a license for any other purpose shall be only in respect of an open or cleared portion of the reserve.

(3.) The proceeds of all licenses issued under this section shall be applied under the direction of the Minister towards the purposes of the principal Act. 5

Repeal.

(4.) This section is in substitution for section nine of the Scenery Preservation Amendment Act, 1910, and that section is hereby accordingly repealed. 10

Land acquired or reserved for scenic purposes under other Acts may be proclaimed reserves under principal Act.

4. (1.) The Governor-General may, by Proclamation, declare that any land taken or otherwise acquired or reserved or set apart under any Act for scenic purposes, or for any purpose the object of which is the preservation or protection of the native fauna or flora of New Zealand, shall be a reserve under the principal Act. 15

Repeal.

(2.) Section twelve of the Scenery Preservation Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed.

Local Authorities may contribute towards cost of acquisition of land and improvement of reserves.

5. Any local authority may, from time to time out of its general fund or account, contribute such sums as it thinks fit towards the cost of the acquisition by the Crown of any land for the purposes of the principal Act, and towards the cost of improvement or maintenance of any reserve under that Act. 20