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Hon. Mr. Veitch.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to establish a Department of State to be called the Transport Department, and to define its functions. 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 Transport Department Act, 1929. Short Title.

2. (1) The Governor-General may appoint a member of the Executive Council to hold office during his pleasure as the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as " the Minister "). Minister of Transport.

(2) The Third Schedule to the Civil List Act, 1920, is hereby consequentially amended by adding to the list of Ministerial offices specified in Part I thereof a reference to the Minister of Transport.

3. (1) There is hereby established a Department of State, to be called the Transport Department (hereinafter referred to as " the Department "); which, under the control of the Minister, shall be charged with the administration of the several Acts specified in the Schedule hereto, and with such other functions as may from time to time be lawfully conferred upon it. Establishment of Transport Department.

(2) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, amend the said Schedule by including therein a reference to any other enactment now in force.

(3) Without limiting the provisions of any enactment in force at the passing of this Act, all the enactments specified in the Schedule hereto shall bind the Crown. Acts administered by Department to bind the Crown.

4. (1) There shall from time to time be appointed a Commissioner of Transport (hereinafter referred to as " the Commissioner "), and such other officers as may be deemed necessary. The Commissioner shall be the administrative head of the Department. Appointment of Commissioner of Transport and other officers of Department.

(2) The officer holding office at the commencement of this Act as the Commissioner of Transport shall be deemed to have been appointed to that office under this Act.

(3) All other officers holding permanent appointments at the commencement of this Act as officers of the Transport Department shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Act. 5

Regulations.

5. (1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make such regulations as in his opinion may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Where in any of the enactments mentioned in the Schedule hereto, or in any other enactment administered by the Transport Department, references are made to the Minister of Public Works or to any other Minister of the Crown, such references, in so far as they relate to the administration of any such enactment, shall hereafter be read as references to the Minister of Transport. 10 15

(3) If any question arises as to whether any such reference should hereafter be read as a reference to the Minister of Transport it shall be determined by the Governor-General by regulations made under this section.

(4) References in the Auckland Transport Board Act, 1928, to the Minister of Public Works shall hereafter be read as references to the Minister of Transport. 20

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

The Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

The Motor-omnibus Traffic Act, 1926.

The Motor-spirits Taxation Act, 1927.

The Motor-vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risks) Act, 1928.

The Public Works Act, 1928 : in so far as it relates to heavy traffic or to motor-vehicles.