

# Vagrants.

(*Mr. Rolleston.*)

## ANALYSIS.

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## A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Vagrant Act 1866."

Title.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Vagrant Act 1866 Amendment Act 1869." Short Title.

2. Every common prostitute loitering and importuning passengers in or upon any street road thoroughfare or public place for the purpose of prostitution shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty of two pounds or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding one calendar month. Prostitutes loitering and importuning in the streets liable to penalty.

3. Any person who shall keep or have any house shop room or place of public resort wherein provisions or liquors of any kind shall be sold or consumed who shall knowingly permit or suffer prostitutes or persons of notoriously bad character to meet together and remain therein shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty of not more than five pounds. Prostitutes not to congregate in public houses.

4. Any person who shall sing any obscene song or ballad or write or draw any indecent or obscene word figure or representation or use any profane indecent or obscene language in any public street thoroughfare or place or within the view or hearing of any person passing therein and any person who shall use any threatening abusive or insulting words or behaviour in any public street thoroughfare or place with intent to provoke a breach of the peace or whereby a breach of the peace may be occasioned shall forfeit and pay on conviction any sum not exceeding ten pounds and in default of immediate payment shall be committed to the common gaol house of correction or other prison for any period not exceeding three calendar months. Penalty for indecent or abusive language.