

Hon. Mr. Anderson.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Weights and Measures 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 Weights and Measures Amendment Act, 1922, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Weights and Measures Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the definition of the term "Minister" the words "Minister of Internal Affairs," and substituting the words "Minister of Labour."

Section 2 of principal Act amended.

3. In this Act, "measuring-instrument" includes any instrument or machine for the measurement of length, capacity, or volume.

Measuring-instrument defined.

(1.) No person shall use for trade or have in his possession for use for trade any measuring-instrument unless it has been tested and stamped by an Inspector at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed.

Measuring-instruments to be tested and stamped before being used.

(2.) Every person who uses or has in his possession for use any measuring-instrument contrary to the provisions of this Act is liable to a fine of ten pounds, and the measuring-instrument shall, on the conviction of the person so liable, be forfeited.

(1.) Section thirteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words "fee prescribed in the Fifth Schedule hereto," and substituting the words "prescribed fee."

Section 13 of principal Act amended.

(2.) The Fifth Schedule to the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Section 14 of
principal Act
amended.

6. Section fourteen of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) By adding to subsection one the words “or test its accuracy by such other means as may be prescribed”:

(b.) By inserting in subsection two, after the word “compared,” 5
the words “or tested.”

Disposal of forfeited
weights, measures,
&c.

7. (1.) All weights, measures, weighing-machines, and measuring-instruments forfeited under the principal Act or this Act shall be disposed of in such manner as the Minister may direct.

Consequential
repeal.

(2.) Section twenty-nine of the principal Act is hereby repealed. 10

Section 31 of
principal Act
amended.

8. Section thirty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (a) thereof the words “weights and measures” wherever they occur in that paragraph, and substituting in each case the words “weights, measures, and weighing-machines.”

Additional power to
make regulations.

9. (1.) In addition to the purposes set out in section thirty-one 15
of the principal Act the Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations for any of the following purposes:—

(a.) Prohibiting the importation into New Zealand of any particular kind or kinds of weighing-machines or measuring-instruments: 20

(b.) Prohibiting the use of any particular kind or kinds of weighing-machines or measuring-instruments, either wholly or except on compliance with conditions set out in the regulations: 25

(c.) Regulating the testing and stamping of measuring-instruments by Inspectors:

(d.) Prescribing the means by which the accuracy of weigh-bridges and other weighing-machines that are not easily movable may be tested: 30

(e.) Prescribing the fees to be paid in respect of the adjusting, testing, comparing, examining, and stamping of weights, measures, weighing-machines, and measuring-instruments.

(2.) Until other provision is made in that behalf by regulations under this section, the fees set out in the Fifth Schedule to the principal Act in respect of the several matters therein referred to shall be deemed to have been duly prescribed by the Governor-General under the authority conferred on him by this section, and shall be payable accordingly. 35