

*Hon. Mr. Duncan.*

CROWN TENANTS' RENT REBATE ACT AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to explain certain Provisions of "The Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900." Title.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the true intent and meaning of subsection one of section three of "The Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900," and it is expedient that such doubts should be removed: Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 is "The Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act Amendment Act, 1903," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Crown Tenants' Rent Rebate Act, 1900" (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. (1.) The rebate authorised by the principal Act shall be allowed to every Crown tenant for a period of five years from the date of his lease or license. Rebate to be general for five years.

(2.) If the lease or license was issued to the tenant on the surrender by him of any former lease or license, the rebate shall be allowed for a period of five years from the date of such former lease or license.

(3.) Where a lease or licence has been duly transferred to the Crown tenant by any former Crown tenant the rebate shall be allowed for a period of five years from the date of the lease or license so transferred.

(4.) The rebate shall be allowed on each half-yearly instalment of rent paid on or before the twenty-first day of March or the thirtieth day of September (whichever first occurs) after the day appointed for the payment of the rent.

(5.) The rebate shall be allowed in respect of leases issued either before or after the commencement of this Act.

**Tenant in arrear.**

4. If any Crown tenant entitled to a rebate as hereinbefore mentioned is in arrear with any previous instalment of rent, then such rebate shall be credited to that Crown tenant in reduction of such arrears; but, subject thereto, nothing herein or in the principal Act shall relieve any tenant from payment of any instalment of rent in arrear, nor deprive the Board of the power to sue for rent in arrear or to forfeit the lease or license.

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