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*Legislative Council,  
8th August, 1883.*

*Hon. Mr. Whitaker.*

## DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT AMENDMENT.

### ANALYSIS.

<p><b>Title.</b> 1. Short Title. 2. Certain breaches of Destitute Persons Act created a misdemeanour when offender leaves the Colony.</p>	<p>3. Person convicted not liable to other punishment. 4. Limitation of time for proceedings. 5. Relatives may be examined as to their means. 6. Separate orders may be made on different relatives.</p>
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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Destitute Persons Act, 1877."

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.** The Short Title of this Act is "The Destitute Persons Act Amendment Act, 1883."

Short Title.

10     **2.** Every person who refuses, fails, or neglects to comply with an order made against him under section seventeen of "The Destitute Persons Act, 1877" (herein called "the said Act"), and goes to reside, or is resident either permanently or temporarily, in any of the Australasian Colonies, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanour, punishable by imprisonment with hard labour for a term of twelve months.

Certain breaches of Destitute Persons Act created a misdemeanour when offender leaves the Colony.

15     **3.** No person convicted of an offence against this Act shall be liable to any other penalty or punishment under the said Act; but such conviction shall not prevent the making or operation of any order for the payment of money or the doing of any act by such person which may lawfully be made under the said Act.

Person convicted not liable to other punishment.

20     **4.** No proceedings shall be taken against any person for any offence created by this Act after the expiration of *two* years from the date when the alleged offence was committed.

Limitation of time for proceedings.

25     **5.** Any Resident Magistrate, hearing a complaint under the provisions of the third and fourth sections of the said Act, shall have power to examine on oath any near relative of a destitute person as to his ability to contribute to the support of such destitute person; and may also examine on oath any other person he may think fit for the purpose of ascertaining the ability of such relative so to do.

Relatives may be examined as to their means.

30     **6.** Nothing in the said Act contained shall preclude the making of distinct orders upon different near relatives liable to contribute to the support of a destitute person, so that an adequate sum in the whole shall be paid for the support of such person, not in any case, however, exceeding a rate of twenty shillings per week.

Separate orders may be made on different relatives.