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House of Representatives,  
28th September, 1896.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

FACTORIES ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Provision where work let or given out in connection with textile goods.</p> <p>3. Unlawful acts not affected.</p> <p>4. Provision to prevent disease being spread by infection or contagion.</p>	<p>5. Work not to be done elsewhere than in factory or workroom.</p> <p>6. Section 52 of principal Act amended.</p> <p>7. Section 54 of principal Act amended.</p> <p>8. Section 68 of principal Act amended.</p> <p>9. Section 39 of principal Act amended.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law for supervising and regulating Factories and Workrooms. Title.

BE 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 is "The Factories Act Amendment Act, 1896," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Factories Act, 1894" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. ~~In order to check what is commonly known as the sweating evil,~~ The following provisions shall apply in the case of occupiers of factories or workrooms in which textile goods are manufactured or worked upon, and also in the case of persons who issue textile or shoddy materials, for the purpose specified in section twenty-three of the principal Act, and are thereby deemed to be occupiers of factories for the purposes and within the meaning of that section:— Provision where work let or given out in connection with textile goods.

(1.) In any case where any such occupier of a factory or workroom lets or gives out work in connection with such goods or material to be done by any person elsewhere than in such factory or workroom, or issues such material for the purpose of being made up by the persons referred to in the aforesaid section twenty-three, it shall not be lawful for any such person—

(a.) To in any way, directly or indirectly, sublet any such work, whether by way of piece-work or otherwise; nor

(b.) To in any way, ~~directly or indirectly,~~ do any such work except on his own premises, and by himself or by his own workpeople to whom he himself pays wages therefor.

(2.) If any such person as aforesaid in any way, directly or indirectly, commits any breach of this section he is liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

- (3.) If any such occupier as aforesaid knowingly permits or suffers any such breach to be committed he is liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds.
- (4.) In any proceedings under this section against any such occupier, ~~knowledge on his part shall be presumed until he satisfy the Court to the contrary, and~~ the knowledge of his servants or agents shall be deemed to be his knowledge. 5
- Unlawful acts not affected. 3. Nothing in the last-preceding section contained shall be construed to render lawful anything that by the principal Act is unlawful. 10
- Provision to prevent disease being spread by infection or contagion. 4. In order to check the risk of disease being spread by infection or contagion the following provisions shall apply:—
- (1.) It shall not be lawful to manufacture or work up goods or materials, or to receive them for any such purpose, in any factory, workroom, or dwelling-house— 15
- (a.) Wherein resides *to the knowledge of the occupier* any person suffering from any infectious or contagious disorder, ~~including tubercular phthisis disease~~; or
- (b.) Wherein any such person has so resided at any time during the previous *fourteen* days, unless and until the factory, workroom, room, or dwelling-house, and all such goods and materials therein, have been disinfected to the satisfaction of the Inspector. 20
- (2.) If any person commits or ~~suffers~~ *knowingly allows* to be committed any breach of this section he is liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds. 25
- (3.) If any such goods or materials are found in any factory, workroom, or dwelling-house in breach of this section the Inspector may cause them to be seized, removed, and disinfected at the expense in all things of the owner, ~~or, with the consent in writing of any Justice of the Peace, may cause them to be destroyed.~~ 30
- Work not to be done elsewhere than in factory or workroom. 5. If any person employed in a factory or workroom does any work for such factory or workroom elsewhere than in the same the occupier thereof is liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds; and the person who does such work is liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds. 35
- Section 52 of principal Act amended. 6. Section fifty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting the word “provide” next before the word “amend” in the second paragraph thereof. 40
- Section 54 of principal Act amended. *Struck out.*
7. Section fifty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the words “a quarter to” wherever they occur in the section, and by adding the words “or for more than eight hours in any one day” after the word “morning” at the end of the third and fourth paragraphs of the section. 45
- Section 68 of principal Act amended. 8. Section sixty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by substituting the words “is allowed to work” in lieu of the words “is, in contravention of the provisions of this Act, employed.” 50
- Section 39 of principal Act amended. *New clause.*
9. Section thirty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting the words “more than six” after the words “All doors of rooms in which.”