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FALSE NOTICE OF BIRTH, MARRIAGE, AND DEATH.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to prevent the Publication of a False Notice of Birth, Marriage, or Death. 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 False Notice of Birth, Marriage, and Death Act, 1884." Short Title.

2. Any person who shall send or cause to be delivered to the proprietor, printer, or publisher of any newspaper, for the purpose of publication therein, a fraudulent or untrue notice of the birth of a child, or of the marriage of any persons, or of the death of any person, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding thirty pounds, or, in the discretion of the Justices before whom the case is heard, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one calendar month. Penalty for sending false notice for publication.

3. Any printer or publisher of a newspaper who shall print or publish the notice mentioned in the last-preceding section, knowing the same to be untrue, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, or, in the discretion of the Justices before whom the case is heard, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one calendar month. Penalty for knowingly publishing false notice.

4. Any printer or publisher of a newspaper who shall, on application in writing made to him within fourteen days from the publication of the notice of a birth, a marriage, or a death in such newspaper, refuse to furnish the person so applying with the name of the person who sent or delivered such notice for publication, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds. Name of person sending notice may be demanded. Penalty for refusal.

5. The word "newspaper" in this Act shall have the meaning assigned to it by "The Printers and Newspapers Registration Act, 1868." Interpretation.

6. All proceedings for the recovery of any penalty, or the awarding of punishment by imprisonment as aforesaid, shall be taken, heard, and prosecuted in a summary manner, before two or more Justices, under "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882," and any amendment thereof. Penalties recoverable summarily.