

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,  
5th October, 1915.

Hon. Mr. Hanan.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1909.

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 Friendly Societies Amendment Act, 1915, and shall form part of and be read together with the Friendly Societies Act, 1909 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to the definition of "officer" the words "and also includes every member of any advisory or controlling body (by whatever name called) appointed by a society or branch in accordance with its rules for the purpose of assisting the society or branch in the investment of its funds or otherwise."

Definition of "officer" extended.

3. Section thirty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended—

Section 37 of principal Act amended.

(a.) By omitting from subsection one the words "accompanied by such evidence in support thereof as the Registrar prescribes"; and

(b.) By inserting, after subsection one, the following subsection:—

"(1A.) Every return furnished by a registered society under this section shall be supported by such evidence as the Registrar prescribes, to be furnished at such times and in such manner as the Registrar may require."

**Repeal.**

Validation of rules  
for consolidation of  
benefit funds.

4. (1.) Section forty of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

(2.) All rules heretofore made and registered, in contravention of the provisions of section forty of the principal Act, providing for the consolidation of any benefit funds of a registered society or of a branch thereof, or of a society and any of its branches, are hereby declared, as from the registration thereof, to have been made with full power and authority for all purposes whatever, and to be and to have been valid and of full effect accordingly. 5

(3.) Where any rules for the consolidation of any benefit funds, as aforesaid, have been made by a society before the passing of this Act but have not been registered, such rules may be registered if after the passing of this Act they are confirmed by a resolution passed at a special, or annual, or biennial meeting of the society of which due notice has been given in accordance with the rules of the society. 10 15

(4.) Nothing in the general rules made by the central body of any such society outside New Zealand shall be deemed to have prohibited the making of any of the rules hereby validated or authorized to be registered.

Section 101 of  
principal Act  
amended.

5. (1.) Section one hundred and one of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "Defence Forces," the words "within New Zealand." 20

(2.) This section shall be deemed to have been in force as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and *fifteen*.

Provisions  
applicable to  
specially authorized  
societies.

6. In the case of specially authorized societies and their registered branches (if any) established pursuant to paragraph (d) of section eleven of the principal Act, the following provisions shall apply, namely:— 25

(a.) The rules shall bind the society or registered branch and the members thereof, and all persons claiming through them respectively, to the same extent as if each member had subscribed his name and affixed his seal thereto, and there were in such rules a covenant on the part of himself, his executors and administrators, to conform to such rules subject to the provisions of the principal Act. 30 35

(b.) All moneys payable by a member to the society or to a registered branch shall be deemed to be a debt due from such member to the society or registered branch, and shall be recoverable as such in any Court of competent jurisdiction. 40