

HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill makes 2 amendments to the Health Act 1956.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title and commencement.

Clause 2 provides that it shall be a function of the Department to inspect factories and other work-places in relation to public health and the prevention or treatment of disease. This is in addition to any inspections required or authorised by any other Act.

Clause 3 authorises regulations to be made prohibiting or regulating work involving or producing pathogens, which may broadly be described as disease-producing organisms.

Hon. Mr Gair

HEALTH AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Health Act 1956

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand
in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
5 as follows:

- 1. Short Title and commencement**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Health Amendment Act 1980, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Health Act 1956* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 (2) This Act shall come into force on the 28th day after the date on which it receives the Governor-General's assent.

2. Principal functions of Department—Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (d), the following paragraph:

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Amendments: 1973, No. 111; 1975, No. 78; 1976, No. 91; 1978, No. 96; 1979, No. 64

No. 107—1

“(da) To carry out inspections of factories and other workplaces in relation to matters concerning the public health and the prevention or treatment of disease, and to carry out all such inspections as may be required or authorised by or under any other Act.” 5

3. Regulations as to pathogens—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 119, the following section:

“119A. Regulations made under this Act may provide for 10
the prohibition or regulation of work involving or producing
any class or classes of pathogens, whether or not associated
with the use of novel genetic techniques, and for the licensing,
registration, or approval of persons, premises, or things in
relation to any such work.” 15