

Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

MOTOR-CARS REGULATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to regulate the Use of Motor-cars.

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 Motor-cars Regulation Act, 1902."

Short Title.

2. For the purposes of this Act, "motor-car" means any vehicle propelled by mechanical power if it does not exceed three tons in weight unladen, and is so constructed that no smoke or visible vapour is emitted therefrom except from any temporary or accidental cause, whether such vehicle is used alone or in order to propel not more than one other vehicle, whose weight together with that of the propelling vehicle does not exceed four tons unladen :

Definition of "motor-car."

15 Provided that in calculating any such weight the weight of any water, fuel, or accumulators used for the purpose of propulsion shall not be included.

3. In every case where, under the provisions of any Act, the Governor, the Minister for Public Works, the Minister for Railways, or any local authority possesses the power to regulate and control, by by-laws or otherwise, the use of vehicles of any description, such power shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, extend and apply to motor-cars, and shall be deemed to include the power, —

Power to make by-laws for regulating and controlling the use of motor-cars.

25 (1.) To make by-laws preventing or restricting the use of motor-cars upon any bridge or place where the Governor, the Minister, or the local authority making the by-law is satisfied that such use would be attended with risk of damage to the bridge or danger to the public ; and also

- (2.) To regulate the keeping and use of petroleum or any other inflammable or explosive liquid or fuel used for the purposes of motor-cars, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any enactment relating to petroleum or to any other inflammable or explosive liquid or fuel. 5
- Motor-cars to be deemed vehicles. 4. For the purpose of giving full effect to the *last preceding* section a motor-car shall be deemed to be a vehicle within the meaning of any such Act as aforesaid and of any by-law made thereunder, and if used as a vehicle of any particular class shall be deemed to be a vehicle of that class, and the provisions of any such Act or by-law relating to vehicles shall apply accordingly. 10
- "The Police Offences Act Amendment Act, 1890," not to apply. 5. The provisions of "The Police Offences Act Amendment Act, 1890," shall not apply to motor-cars.
- Motor-car to exhibit a light. 6. During the period between sunset and one hour before sunrise the person in charge of a motor-car shall carry attached thereto a lamp so constructed and placed as to exhibit a white light in the direction in which the motor-car is proceeding, such light being sufficiently clear and strong to afford adequate means of signalling the approach and position of the motor-car. 15
- Bell to be carried. 7. The person in charge of a motor-car shall carry attached thereto a bell or other instrument capable of giving audible and sufficient warning of the approach or position of the motor-car. 20
- Rate of speed. 8. The person in charge of a motor-car shall not permit such car to travel along a road, street, or public highway at a greater rate of speed than *ten* miles an hour, or such less rate of speed as may be prescribed by any such by-law as aforesaid. 25
- Penalty. 9. Every person who commits a breach of any of the provisions of this Act is liable to a penalty not exceeding *ten* pounds; but with respect to such of those provisions as are embodied in any such by-law as aforesaid, no person shall be punished twice for the same offence. 30
- Repeal. 10. "The McLean Motor-car Act, 1898," is hereby repealed.