

## MILITARY TRAINING AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill extends the Military Training Act 1949 to men who were over the age of eighteen years but under the age of twenty years when the Act commenced to operate—that is, on 1 November 1949.

Those who were over 18 but under 19 on that date are to be liable for service in the same way as those subsequently reaching the age of 18.

Those who were over 19 but under 20 on that date are to be liable to register and be medically examined, and to serve four years in the Reserve.

The principal Act provides that every male British subject ordinarily resident in New Zealand who reaches the age of eighteen years must register within fourteen days for service with the armed forces. After being registered and medically examined a man becomes liable to be called up to serve in the armed forces for—

- (a) Fourteen weeks' whole time service; followed by
- (b) Three years' part time service, during which he is liable for sixty days training; followed by
- (c) Six years in the Reserve, during which he remains a member of the forces and is liable to be called up in time of war or other like emergency.

The principal Act at present applies to men reaching the age of eighteen years on or after 1 November 1949—that is, those born after 31 October 1931.

*Clause 2* of the Bill extends the liability for the three terms of service (whole time, part time, and in the Reserve) to men who reached the age of eighteen years during the year before the Military Training Act, 1949, commenced to operate—that is, those who were born during the year ending 31 October 1931. These men will become subject to registration on 1 November 1951 (when their ages will range from 20 to 21), and thereupon the principal Act will apply to them as if they had attained the age of eighteen years on that date.

*Clause 3* provides that men born during the preceding year—that is, the year ending 31 October 1930—are to be liable for four years' service in the Reserve. These men will be required to register as if they had attained the age of eighteen years on 1 May 1952 (when their ages will range from 21½ to 22½), and after medical examination will be liable to be enlisted in the Army Reserve or in the appropriate Naval Reserve or in the Air Force Reserve, and to be transferred from one Reserve to another under section 17 of the principal Act.

*Clause 4* transfers from the Minister to the Director of Employment the function of approving medical practitioners for appointment by Regional Medical Officers to act on Medical Boards, and makes consequential amendments in relation to the advice and recommendations of the Medical Committee.

*Clause 5* provides that a calling-up notice need not in every case be for fourteen weeks' whole time service, but is to state the period of whole time service for which a man is called up, as the period may sometimes be less than fourteen weeks, as in the case of a notice to complete the service when it has been interrupted.

*Hon. Mr. Sullivan*

## MILITARY TRAINING AMENDMENT

### ANALYSIS

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Military Training Act 1949. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority

5 of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Military Training Amendment Act 1951, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Military Training Act 1949 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title. 1949, No. 23

10 2. (1) Subject to the provisions of Part I of the principal Act, every male British subject ordinarily resident in New Zealand who was born during the year that commenced on the first day of November, nineteen hundred and thirty, and ended with the thirty-first day 15 of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and is not a person specified in section five of the principal Act, shall be liable to be called upon to serve in the armed forces for a term of whole time service, a term of part time service, and a term of service in the Reserve as

provided in Part I of the principal Act, and, subject to this section, the principal Act, as far as it is applicable and with the necessary modifications, shall apply accordingly.

(2) Every person to whom this section applies shall become subject to registration on the first day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-one. 5

Liability for service in Reserve of men born during year ending 31 October 1930.

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of Part I of the principal Act, every male British subject ordinarily resident in New Zealand who was born during the year that commenced on the first day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and ended with the thirty-first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty, and is not a person specified in section five of the principal Act, shall be liable to be called upon to serve in the Reserve for four years, and subject to this section, the principal Act, as far as it is applicable and with the necessary modifications, shall apply accordingly. 10 15

(2) Every person to whom this section applies shall become subject to registration on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-two. 20

(3) Any enlistment notice served on any person to whom this section applies shall state that he has been enlisted in the Army Reserve, or in the appropriate Reserve of the New Zealand Naval Forces, or in the Air Force Reserve, as the Director thinks fit. 25

Approval of members of Medical Boards.

4. (1) Section thirteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection two the word "Minister", and substituting the word "Director". 30

(2) Section eleven of the principal Act is hereby consequentially amended by inserting in subsection four, before the words "the approval of registered medical practitioners", the words "to advise the Director in the exercise of his functions in relation to". 35

(3) The said section eleven is hereby further consequentially amended by revoking subsection five, and substituting the following subsection:—

"(5) In the exercise of their functions under this Act in relation to the matters referred to in subsection four of this section the Minister and the Director shall have regard to the recommendations of the Medical Committee." 40

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5. Section eighteen of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

Calling-up notices.

(a) By omitting from subsection one the words “for fourteen weeks”:

5 (b) By inserting in subsection one, after the words “with that force”, the words “and the period for which he is called up”.