This Public Bill originated in the House of Repre-SENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 8th March, 1938.

Hon. Mr. Parry.

PENSIONS AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Modification (with respect to persons now resident in New Zealand) of residential qualifications of applicants for old-age pensions.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Pensions Act, 1926. 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 Pensions Amend- short Title. ment Act, 1937, and shall be read together with and See Reprint deemed part of the Pensions Act, 1926 (hereinafter of Statutes, Vol. VI, p. 760) referred to as the principal Act).

10 2. (1) This section applies to persons who, being Modification resident in New Zealand on the passing of this Act, (with respect to persons now are not qualified to receive a pension under Part I of resident in the principal Act only because they have not resided New Zealand) of residential continuously in New Zealand for twenty years or qualifications 15 upwards.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in pensions. section eight of the principal Act, every person to whom this section applies shall, if he has resided continuously in New Zealand for not less than ten years immediately 20 preceding the date of the passing of this Act, be qualified to receive a pension under Part I of the principal Act.

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(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section eight of the principal Act, every person to whom this section applies but who is not qualified to receive a pension in accordance with the *last preceding* subsection shall, on the completion of *ten* years' continuous residence in New Zealand, be qualified to receive a pension under Part I of the principal Act.

(4) For the purposes of this section continuous residence in New Zealand shall not be deemed to have been interrupted in the following cases:—

(a) In any case where the total period of absence does not exceed twelve months; or

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(b) In any case where the total period of absence exceeds twelve months but does not exceed that period by more than six months for every 15 year of residence in New Zealand in excess of a period of ten years, computed in accordance with the provisions of the last preceding paragraph, if the applicant has been actually resident in New Zealand for the 20 twelve months immediately preceding the date of the establishment of his claim.