

*Hon. Mr. Webb*

## SHOPS AND OFFICES AMENDMENT

### ANALYSIS

Title.	2. Provisions as to opening-hours and closing-hours of shops.
1. Short Title.	Repeal.

### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22. 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 Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1940, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Shops and Offices Act, 1921-22 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

10 2. (1) Section sixty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection one (as enacted by section seventeen of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1927), and substituting the following subsection:— Provisions as to opening-hours and closing-hours of shops.

15 “(1) In any award relating to the employment of shop-assistants the Court of Arbitration may fix the hours of opening and the hours of closing on any working-day of all shops in any industry to which the award relates in any industrial district in which the  
20 award has effect, or in any specified part of any such district, irrespective of whether or not any assistants are employed in those shops.”

See Reprint  
of Statutes,  
Vol. III, p. 939

Ibid., p. 285

Repeal.

(2) For the purposes of subsection one of the said section sixty-nine as enacted by the *last preceding* subsection every occupier of a shop, whether employing assistants or not, shall be deemed to be an employer within the meaning of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925. 5

(3) The authority conferred on Magistrates by section nineteen of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1927, is hereby extended to enable a Magistrate to grant exemption from any opening-hours fixed by any award, and all the provisions of that section shall apply accordingly. 10

(4) While the closing-hours of any shops in any industry in any separate district or combined district are fixed by an award, nothing in section thirty-two of the principal Act shall apply to shops in that industry in that district. 15

(5) This section is in substitution for section seventeen of the Shops and Offices Amendment Act, 1927, and that section is hereby accordingly repealed. 20