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Mr. McCombs.

SHOPS AND OFFICES AMENDMENT (No. 2).

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Provisions of this section shall apply to all shops and offices within meaning of

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Shops and Offices Act, 1908.

Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Shops and Offices Amendment Short Title. Act, 1919, and shall form part of and be read together with the Shops and Offices Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Provisions of this 10 Act or its amendments the following provisions shall apply to all section shall apply to all shops and shops and offices within the meaning of that Act:

offices within

principal Act.

(a.) That the hours of the week shall not exceed forty hours and meaning of one-half, and all time worked before eight o'clock a.m., and after half-past five o'clock p.m., on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday shall be paid at overtime rates; and that no assistant be employed after twelve o'clock

noon on Saturdays:

(b.) That it shall be compulsory for every assistant to have his or her half-holiday, notwithstanding that another holiday shall have occurred in the same week:

(c.) That the Easter Saturday shall be declared a statutory

holiday under the Act:

(d.) That the provision that an employee who is receiving an excess of three pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence per week is not entitled to overtime be repealed:

(e.) That the provision is to be made in the Act for the abolition of Sunday work, and that the present clauses allowing the chemists' assistants to be employed on Saturday evenings and Sundays (with the exception of the "all-night pharmacies") be repealed.

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