

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1910.

A BILL

To regulate the manufacture and sale of footwear ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

- 19 .” **1.** This Act may be cited as the “Footwear Regulation Act, Short title.
- 2.** This Act shall commence and take effect on and from a Commencement date to be proclaimed by the Governor in the Gazette.
- 3.** In this Act,—
 - “Regulations” means regulations made under this Act.
 - “Sole” means all that part of a boot or shoe which in use is under the foot of the wearer, except only the thin slip of leather, paper, or the like material which is affixed to the upper surface of the inner sole.

Definitions.

4. If any person manufactures for sale or sells or exposes for sale any boots or shoes the soles of which consist wholly or partly of leather, or any imitation of leather, unless—

Soles to be of solid leather or to be stamped with nature of material.

- (a) a statement of the material composing the sole is conspicuously and legibly stamped upon or impressed into the outer surface of the sole of each boot or shoe ; or
- (b) the soles are of solid leather without admixture or addition other than of ordinary fillers of cork or waterproof felt, or other than, in the case of ladies' fancy or evening footwear, of heels of wood,

he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding _____ pounds.

5. The Colonial Treasurer may, under his hand, appoint any persons to be inspectors under this Act.

Appointment and powers of inspectors.

Any such inspector may enter any place where boots or shoes are manufactured or sold or kept for sale and inspect any articles therein ; but he shall, at the request of any person apparently in charge of such place or of any work carried on therein, produce his appointment as inspector.

He may also in any such place take any boots or shoes, whether manufactured or partly manufactured, paying a just price for the same.

If any person hinders or obstructs any such inspector in the exercise by him of the powers hereby conferred he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding _____ pounds.

6. In any prosecution under this Act or the regulations, any person who manufactures boots or shoes shall be deemed to manufacture them for sale, unless the contrary is proved.

Proof of manufacture for sale.

7. The Governor may make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and in particular prescribing the manner of marking the soles of boots and shoes in pursuance of such provisions ; and may in such regulations impose any penalty not exceeding _____ pounds for any breach of the same. Such regulations shall be published in the Gazette, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after such publication, or, if Parliament is not in session, within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

Regulations.

8. Any penalties under this Act or the regulations may be recovered before a stipendiary or police magistrate, or any two justices in petty sessions.

Recovery of penalties.

