

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1901.

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# A BILL

To amend the Liquor Act, 1898.

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**B**E 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 :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Liquor (Amending) Act, 1901," and shall be construed as one with the Liquor Act, 1898, hereinafter in this Act referred to as the Principal Act. Short title and incorporation.

2. Unless previously renewed every publican's license, whether granted before or after the commencement of this Act, shall lapse on the first day of July next following the day on which it was granted or, where the license has been renewed, shall lapse on the first day of July next following the day on which it was last renewed : Publican's licenses to lapse on 1st July.

Provided that where application for the renewal of such license has been made before the first day of July in any year, and is pending on that day, the license shall continue in force until the decision of the licensing court or licensing magistrate on such application has been given.

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3. The quarterly licensing courts referred to in section eleven of the Principal Act shall be held in the months of September, December, March, and June in each year instead of at the times mentioned in the said section. Dates for quarterly licensing courts.

4. (1) The fee to be paid in respect of a publican's license shall be fixed on the grant of a certificate for the issue or renewal of such license by the licensing court or licensing magistrate, at such sum, being not greater than fifty pounds nor less than ten pounds for a twelve months' license or renewal, or not greater than twenty-five pounds nor less than five pounds for a six months' license, as such court or magistrate thinks fair, having regard to the probable amount of the trade in liquor at the house in respect of which the license or renewal is asked for. Fees for granting or renewing publican's license.

(2) Where an applicant for renewal of a license intends to apply that the amount of the fee for such renewal be reduced below the annual amount of the fee last payable in respect of the license, he shall, in his notice to the inspector for the district, state the amount of the proposed fee.

Where the inspector for the district proposes to apply on the hearing of such application that the amount of the fee be raised above the annual amount of the fee last payable in respect of the license he shall so notify the applicant.

(3) Notwithstanding section thirty-seven of the Principal Act, every applicant for a renewal shall attend in person before the licensing court or licensing magistrate.

(4) Section twenty-two of the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

5. (1) In section eighteen of the Principal Act and in the Fourth Schedule to that Act the words "not exceeding four gallons" are hereby substituted for the words "not exceeding two gallons" wherever occurring in that section or Schedule. Under colonial wine license licensee may sell wine in quantities not exceeding four gallons.

(2) The definition of spirit merchant in section three of the Principal Act is amended so as not to include any vendor or exhibitor in quantities of or less than four gallons of wine, cider, or perry, the produce of fruit grown within any State of the Commonwealth or within the Colony of New Zealand.

6. (1) The Governor may make regulations for securing cleanliness in the supply of liquor in licensed premises and in the vessels in which liquor is so supplied, and may in those regulations impose any penalty not exceeding                      for any breach thereof. Governor may make regulations to secure cleanliness in the supply of liquor.

Such regulations on being published in the Gazette shall have the force of law.

(2) Any inspector shall, for the purpose of seeing that such regulations are being observed, have the powers of entry conferred on him for the purposes of the Principal Act.

(3) Any penalty imposed by any such regulation may be recovered as if it were a penalty imposed by the Principal Act.