

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31 January, 1873. }*

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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No. .

An Act to make certain provisions relating to persons working
in Collieries.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provision to prevent Preamble.
children of tender years and females being employed in
Collieries and to limit as hereinafter mentioned the hours of labour in
such Collieries Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent
5 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. It shall not be lawful to employ any female of any age No child under
thirteen years and no
female to be
employed in a
Colliery.
whatever or any child under the age of thirteen years in any Colliery
10 under a penalty of fifty pounds to be recovered from the owner of
such Colliery in manner hereinafter mentioned.

2. It shall not be lawful to employ any person under the age No person under
eighteen years to
be employed more
than four hours
continuously or more
than eight hours in
the whole in one
day in a Colliery.
of eighteen years in any Colliery for a longer period than four hours
continuously or for longer than eight hours in the whole during any
15 period of twenty-four hours under a penalty of fifty pounds to be
recovered from the owner of such Colliery as hereinafter mentioned.

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3. It shall be lawful for any person to sue for and recover for his own use the penalty imposed by the foregoing sections by action of debt against the owner of such Colliery as aforesaid in the Supreme Court or in any District Court unless such owner shall prove that he had taken all reasonable means by directions to the persons in charge of such Colliery and by inquiry of parents or guardians and otherwise to prevent any violation of the provisions of this Act.

Any person may sue
for penalties.

4. For the purposes of this Act unless such interpretation shall be inconsistent with the context the words hereinafter mentioned shall have the meanings set opposite to them as follows namely:—

Interpretation
clause.

“Colliery”—Any shaft pit tunnel drive or other place underground in a coal-mine.

“Owner”—The immediate proprietor or proprietors or lessee or lessees of any coal-mine whether a company body corporate or otherwise.

5. Any owner company or body corporate may under this Act be sued by the name of the secretary manager legal manager or chairman of such owner company or body corporate and service of process on such secretary manager legal manager or chairman shall be sufficient.

Who may be sued.