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I Assent,

James B. Carlisle, Governor-General.

10th November, 1994.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

No. 14 of 1994

AN ACT to amend the Marriage Act (Cap. 347).

[24th November, 1994.]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows — $\,$

- **1.** This Act may be cited **as** the Marriage (Amendment) Act, **Short** title. 1994.
- 2. The Marriage Act (Cap. 347) in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended in sections 17 and 20 as follows —

 Amendment of sections 17 and 20.
 - (a) in section 17 (3) delete the words "twenty dollars" and substitute the words "one hundred dollars";
 - (b) in section 20 (3) delete the words "twenty dollars" and substitute the words "one hundred dollars".
- 3. Section 31 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by deleting the words "five dollars" and substituting the words section 31). The amendment of section 31 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) Amendment of section 31.

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2 The Marriage (Amendment)Act, 1994.

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Amendment of section 36 (4).

- 4. Section **36** of the principal Act is amended as follows—
 - (a) in subsection (2), by repealing paragraph (f) and substituting the following—
 - "(f) that in the case of an application for a licence, one of the parties was residentin Antigua and Barbuda for a period of fifteen days immediately preceding the date of the application for a licence;
 - (g) that in the case of an application for a special licence; both parties were present in Antigua and Barbudaatthe time of the application."
 - (b) by renumbering paragraph (g) as paragraph (h);
 - (c) by repealing subsection (4) and substituting the following—
 - "(4) The petition for a licence **shall** be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars.
 - (5) The petition for a special licence shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred and fifty United States dollars to be paid in the currency of the United States."

Amendment of sections 41 and 43.

5. Sections 41 (1) and 43 (2) of the principal Act are amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words "five dollars" and substituting the words "twenty dollars".

Amendment of section 46.

- 6. Section 46(a) of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following
 - "(a) Every Marriage shall be solemnized by some Marriage Officer or celebrated by the Registrar-General between the hours of six in the morning and eight in the evening, and shall be solemnized or celebrated in the presence of two or more credible witnesses besidessuch Marriage Officer or Registrar General."

7. Section 54 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following —

Amendment of section 54.

"(54) The following fees shall be payable before the performance of the duty to which the same respectively relate —

(a) for every general search not dited to any particular entry \$25.00

(b) for every search for particular entry \$20.00

(c) for every issuing copy and entry \$25.00

(d) for every issuing of any certificate or making any record of any fact not otherwise provided for \$2.

\$25.00

(e) for correction of each error or omission

\$10.00

8. Section **65** of the principal Act is amended by renumbering section **65** as subsection **(1)** and by adding the following —

Renumbering of section 65.

"(2) No marriage purported to be solemnized under this Act during the period 1988 — 1993 by —

- (a) the Reverend Dr. Lionel C. Richards of the Anglican Church shall be, or deemed to have been invalid by reason only that such marriage was solemnized without the grant of a licence or the publication of banns or that the licence was defective;
- (b) any Minister shall be or deemed to have been invalid by reason only that such marriage was solemnized at a place other than a licensed place."
- 9. The principal Act is amended by the insertion after section section 66 added. **65** of the following —

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"Regulation

66. (1) The Minister responsible for legal affairs may make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

- (2) The Minister may in particular make regulations
 - for prescribing the procedure for submitting applications for licences under this Act;
 - (b) for altering, rescinding or revising the fees prescribed by this Act;
 - for amending, prescribing or revising the forms in the Schedules."

Passed the House of Representatives this 31st day of August, 1994.

Passed the Senate this 4th day of October, 1994.

B. Harris, *Speaker*.

M. Percival, President.

S. Walker, Acting Clerk to the House of Representatives. S. Walker, Acting Clerk to the Senate.

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