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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, 1994. **Short title.**

**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 "twenty five dollars". **Amendment of section 31.**

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2 *The Marriage (Amendment) Act, No. 14 of 1994.*  
*1994.*

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 resident in 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 Barbuda at the 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 Section 46 (a) of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following —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 besides such Marriage Officer or Registrar-General."



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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 —

- (a) for prescribing the procedure for submitting applications for licences under this Act;
- (b) for altering, rescinding or revising the fees prescribed by this Act;
- (c) for amending, prescribing or revising the forms in the Schedules."

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

**B. Harris,**  
*Speaker.*

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

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

**M. Percival,**  
*President.*

**S. Walker,**  
*Acting Clerk to the Senate.*

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