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#### **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill would amend the *Family Law Act*, Cap. 214 and the *Family Law Rules, 1982* (S.I.1982 No.18) in order to confer certain functions on the Master of the High Court.

*Arrangement of Sections*

1. Short title
2. Amendment of enactments in Schedule

SCHEDULE

*CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS*

## **BARBADOS**

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend certain enactments relating to family law.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

### **Short title**

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2019*.

**Amendment of enactments in Schedule**

**2.** *The enactments set out in column 1 of the Schedule are amended in the respects set out opposite thereto in column 2 of the Schedule.*

**SCHEDULE**

*(Section 2)*

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Column 1	Column 2
<i>Enactments</i>	<i>Amendments</i>
1. <i>Family Law Act, Cap. 214</i>	<p><b>1.</b> In section 2, insert the following definition in its appropriate alphabetical order:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Master" has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the <i>Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Cap. 117A</i>;"</p> <p><b>2.</b> In section 98</p> <p>(a) by deleting the word "and" appearing at the end of subsection (2)(i); and</p> <p>(b) by inserting therein immediately after that subparagraph the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"(j) the power, authority and jurisdiction of the Master;" and</p> <p>(c) by renumbering the existing paragraph (j) as paragraph (k).</p>

*Schedule - (Concl'd)*

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS - (Concl'd)

Column 1	Column 2
<i>Enactments</i>	<i>Amendments</i>
2. <i>Family Law Rules, 1982</i> (S.I. 1982 No. 18)	<p>Immediately after rule 87 insert the following new rule:</p> <p><b>Power of Master</b> "87A. (1) The Master has the power to grant an order under section 27 of the Act in an uncontested application for the dissolution of a marriage.</p> <p>(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1), the Master is hereby authorised to transact all such business and exercise all such jurisdiction as may be transacted or exercised by a judge in chambers."</p>

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**Speaker**

Read three times and passed the Senate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
, 2019.

**President**