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MARRIAGE AMENDMENT ACT 2016

2016 : 27

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Marriage Act 1944;

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act may be cited as the Marriage Amendment Act 2016.

Amends section 24

2 Section 24 of the Marriage Act 1944 is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words “at the office of the Registrar”;
- (b) by inserting a dash and the following after subsection (1)(a)—

“(i) at the office of the Registrar; or

(ii) at an alternative approved location;”.

- (c) by inserting the following after subsection (2)—

“(3) The Minister may—

- (a) make regulations prescribing buildings or other places as alternative approved locations for the purposes of subsection (1)(a)(ii); and
- (b) on application made by the parties in writing at least 14 days before the proposed date of the marriage, approve an additional

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such alternative location, subject to the approval of the Registrar and on such terms and conditions as the Minister sees fit.

(4) The parties to a marriage to be held at an alternative approved location shall—

- (a) obtain the written permission of the owner or occupier to use that location for their marriage and notify the Registrar accordingly; and
- (b) comply with any terms and conditions imposed by the owner or occupier.

(5) Regulations under subsection (3)(a) shall be made subject to the negative resolution procedure.”

Repeals section 21

3 Section 21 of the Marriage Act 1944 is repealed.

Amends Head 39 of the Government Fees Regulations 1976

4 Paragraph (5) of Head 39 of the Schedule to the Government Fees Regulations 1976 is revoked and replaced as follows—

- “ (5) Contracting marriage before the Registrar under section 24—
- (a) at the office of the Registrar General \$245
  - (b) at an alternative approved location under section 24(1)(a) \$450
  - (ii) ”.

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