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MARITIME MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012

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No. 31 of 2012

MARITIME MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MARITIME MARRIAGE ACT

[Date of Assent - 28th December, 2012]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act, which amends the Maritime Marriage Act, 2011, may be cited as the Maritime Marriage (Amendment) Act, 2012.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on a day to be appointed by the Minister by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Amendment of the Long Title of the principal Act.

The Maritime Marriage Act, 2011 (*No. 27 of 2011*), is amended by repealing the Long Title and substituting therefor, the following—

“AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR MARRIAGES TO BE CONTRACTED ON BAHAMIAN SHIPS ON THE HIGH SEAS.”

3. Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act.

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words “meaning twelve nautical miles, as defined by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea or the internal waters of a state or territory” in the definition of the term “high seas” and the substitution therefor of the words “or in the internal waters of a State, or in the archipelagic waters of an archipelagic State”.

4. Amendment of section 7 of the principal Act.

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) as follows—

- (a) by the deletion of the words “a book to be called” and by the insertion immediately after the words “receipt of the notice in the” of the words “electronic computer based”; and
- (b) by the insertion immediately after the words “Maritime Marriage Notice Book” of the words “of the Registry of Records”.

5. Amendment of section 19 of the principal Act.

Section 19 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) as follows—

- (a) by the deletion of the words “a book to be called” and by the insertion immediately the words “shall enter in the” of the words “electronic computer based”; and
- (b) by the insertion immediately after the words “Maritime Marriage Log Book” of the words “of the Registry of Records.”.

6. Amendment of section 23 of the principal Act.

Subsection 6 of section 23 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words “Director of Public Prosecutions” and the substitution therefor of the words “Attorney-General”.