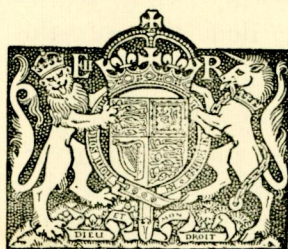


This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

I. P. K. VIDLER,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4 July, 1956.*

New South Wales



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MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

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IN SENATE

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IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE

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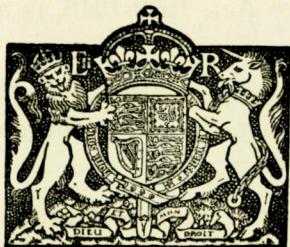
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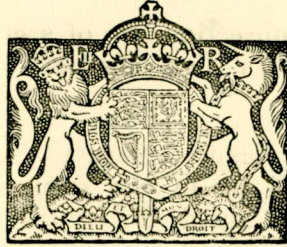
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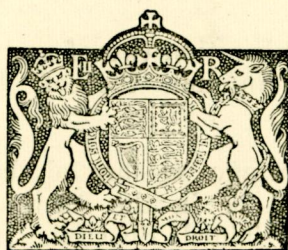
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- (f) the son of her deceased husband's
sister;
- (g) the widower of her brother's deceased
daughter; or
- (h) the widower of her sister's deceased
daughter,

shall be deemed and is hereby declared to have
been and to be valid and of full force and effect
any law or custom to the contrary notwith-
standing.

(2) This section shall not validate any
such marriage where the marriage would, but
for the enactment of subsection one of this
section, have been void or voidable by reason
of any blood relationship between the parties
thereto.

(3)

Marriage (Amendment).

(3) This section shall not validate any such marriage where a decree of nullity has, before the commencement of the Marriage (Amendment) Act, 1956, been pronounced in respect thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(4) Any petition for such a decree pending at such commencement may be proceeded with and determined as if this section had not been enacted.

18c. For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that for the purposes of sections eighteen, 18A and 18B of this Act—

- (a) brother includes half-brother;
- (b) sister includes half-sister; and
- (c) it is immaterial whether any person referred to in those sections was or is legitimate or illegitimate.

Construction of sections eighteen, 18A and 18B.

Sec. 20(3).
(Certificate of such marriage to be sent to registrar.)
Repeal of Second Schedule.

Fourth Schedule.

Fifth Schedule.

- (e) by omitting from subsection three of section twenty the words "ten days" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "one month";
- (f) by omitting the Second Schedule;
- (g) by omitting from the Fourth Schedule the words "daughter of [*James Edwards*] of [*place of residence and designation*]";
- (h) by omitting from the Fifth Schedule the words "or police" wherever occurring.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

K. W. STREET,
Lieutenant-Governor.

*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1956.*