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

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 8th August, 1901.

JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

Pew South Wales.



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Act No. , 1901.

An Act to amend the law by making provision for the Legitimation of Children born before marriage on the subsequent marriage of their parents.

DE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with D the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :--

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1. The short title of this Act is "The Legitimation Act of 1901." Short title.

2. In the construction of this Act the word "Registrar" means Interpretation. and includes the Registrar-General, his deputies, and all district registrars.

3. Any child born before the marriage of his or her parents Legitimation of 10 (and whether before or after the passing of this Act), whose parents illegitimate children intermanied on shall become the line on registration after

have intermarried or shall hereafter intermarry, shall be deemed on marriage of parents. c 5-82786 the

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the registration of such child as hereinafter provided to have been legitimated by such marriage from birth, and shall be entitled to all the rights of a child born in wedlock.

4. The issue of any such legitimated child who has died or may Issue of legitimated 5 hereafter die before the marriage of his or her parents shall take, by child dying before operation of law, the same real and personal property which would have accrued to such issue if the parent had been born in wedlock.

5. Nothing in this Act shall affect any estate, right, or interest Certain estates, in any real or personal property to which any person has become or rights, or interests 10 may become entitled, either mediately or immediately in possession, or expectancy by virtue of any disposition made before the passing of this Act, or by virtue of any devolution by law on the death of any person dying before the passing of this Act.

6. Nothing in this Act shall have the effect of legitimating Limit to legitimation. 15 any child if at the time of the birth of such child there existed any legal impediment to the intermarriage of the parents of such child.

7. When any man who claims to be the father of any illegitimate Registrar to register child, whose mother he has married since the birth of such child, ^{such child}. produces to a registrar a statutory declaration in the form set out in

20 the Schedule hereto, it shall be the duty of the registrar to register such child, whether dead or alive, as the lawful issue of such man and his wife, and the registrar shall make a note in the entry underneath his signature to the effect that such registration has been made under the authority of this Act. If the child has been previously

25 registered as illegitimate, he shall also make in the register on the page on which the previous entry was made a note of the entry made under this Act, and shall intimate to the Registrar-General, if he is a deputy or district registrar, that such entries have been made. If such last-mentioned registrar has not in his possession the register containing

30 the entry of illegitimacy, it shall be sufficient for him to intimate to the Registrar-General the fact of the new entry having been made.

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Declaration.

I. of , in the Colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare, as follows :-5

1. I am the father of a certain child, named , born on the day of at

2. I was married to , the mother of the said child, on the

day of , at , and I am desirous of having the birth of the said child registered as that of the lawful issue of myself and the said 3 The document hereunto annexed is a certified copy of the certificate of my

10 marriage with the said

4. No legal impediment to the marriage of myself and the said

existed at the time of the birth of the said child.

Declared by the said

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be 15 true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her late Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu " voluntary and extra judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

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20 day of

aforesaid this

Before me,

A Justice of the Peace for the Colony of New South Wales; or A Commissioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

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