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AGE OF MAJORITY ACT

Interpretation

1. In this Act—

"commencement date" means 1st December, 2000;

"statutory provision" means any enactment (including, except where the context otherwise requires, this Act) and any order, rule, regulation, by-law or other instrument made in the exercise of a power conferred by any enactment.

Reduction of age of majority from 21 to 18 years

2. (1) As from the commencement date, a person shall attain full age on attaining the age of 18 years instead of on attaining the age of 21 years, and a person shall attain full age on that date if he has then already attained the age of 18 years but not the age of 21 years.

(2) Subsection (1) applies for the purposes of any rule of law and, in the absence of a definition or of any indication of a contrary intention, for the construction of the expressions "full age", "infant", "infancy", "minor" and "minority" and similar expressions in—

(a) any statutory provision, whether passed or made before, on or after the commencement date; or

(b) any deed, will or other instrument of whatever nature (not being a statutory provision) made on or after that date.

(3) In any statutory provision where infancy or minority is defined, whether expressly or by necessary implication, by reference to the age of 21 years there shall be substituted a reference to the age of 18 years.

(4) Notwithstanding any rule of law, a will or codicil executed before the commencement date shall not be treated for the purposes of this Act as made on or after that date by reason only that the will or codicil is confirmed by a codicil executed on or after that date.

Time at which a person attains a particular age

3. (1) The time at which a person attains a particular age expressed in years shall be the commencement of the relevant anniversary of the date of his birth.

(2) This section applies only where the relevant anniversary falls on a date after the commencement date and, in relation to any enactment, deed, will or other instrument, has effect subject to any provision therein.

Transitional provisions and savings

4. The transitional provisions and savings contained in the Schedule shall have effect in relation to section 2.

Citation

5. This Act may be cited as the Age of Majority Act, Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter A45.

SCHEDULE

(Section 2)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND SAVINGS

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule, "principal section" means section 2 of this Act.

Funds in Court

2. Any order or directions in force immediately before the commencement date by virtue of any rules of court or other statutory provision relating to the control of money recovered by or otherwise payable to an infant in any proceedings shall have effect as if any reference therein to the infant's attaining the age of 21 years were a reference to his attaining the age of 18 years or, in relation to a person who by virtue of the principal section attains full age on the commencement date, to that date.

Wardship and custody orders

3. (1) Any order in force immediately before the commencement date—

(a) making a person a ward of court; or

(b) under any enactment, for the custody of, or access to, any person;

which is expressed to continue in force until the person who is the subject of the order attains the age of 21 years, or at any age between 18 years and 21 years, shall have effect as if the reference to his attaining that age were a reference to his attaining the age of 18 years or, in relation to a person who by virtue of the principal section attains full age on the commencement date, to that date.

(2) This paragraph is without prejudice to so much of any order as makes provision for the maintenance or education of a person after he has attained the age of 18 years.

Adoption orders

4. The principal section shall not prevent the making of an adoption order under the Adoption of Children Act in respect of a person who has attained the age of 18 years if the application for the order was made before the commencement date and, in relation to any such case, that Act shall have effect as if the principal section had not been enacted.

Statutory provisions incorporated in deeds, wills, etc.

5. The principal section shall not affect the construction of any statutory provision where it is incorporated in and has effect as part of any deed, will or other instrument the construction of which is not affected by that section.
