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MARRIAGE (PROHIBITED DEGREES OF RELATIONSHIP) ACT

Interpretation

1. In this Act, "sister" or "brother" shall include a sister or brother of the half blood.

Marriages not to be deemed void as civil contracts, except in certain cases

2. No marriage contracted between a man and any of the following persons, that is to say—

(a) his deceased wife's sister;

(b) his deceased brother's widow;

(c) his deceased wife's brother's daughter;

(d) his deceased wife's sister's daughter;

(e) his father's deceased brother's widow;

(f) his mother's deceased brother's widow;

(g) his deceased wife's father's sister;

(h) his deceased wife's mother's sister;

(i) his brother's deceased son's widow;

(j) his sister's deceased son's widow;

within Anguilla or without, shall be deemed to have been or shall be void or voidable, as a civil contract, by reason only of such affinity, but in case, before 27th March, 1934, any such marriage shall have been annulled, or either party thereto (after the marriage and during the life of the other) shall have lawfully married another, it shall be deemed to have become and to be void upon and after the day upon which it was so annulled or upon which either party thereto lawfully married another as aforesaid.

Saving of existing rights and interests

3. (1) No right, title, estate or interest, whether in possession or expectancy, and whether vested or contingent on 27th March, 1934, existing in, to, or in respect of, any dignity, title of honour, or property, and no act or thing lawfully done or omitted before 27th March, 1934 shall be prejudicially affected nor shall any will be deemed to have been revoked by reason of any marriage before that date contracted as aforesaid being made valid by this Act.

(2) No claim by the Crown for duties leviable on or with reference to death, and before 27th March, 1934 due and payable, and no payment, commutation, composition, discharge, or settlement of account in respect of any duties leviable on or with reference to death before 27th March, 1934 duly made or given, shall be prejudicially affected by anything herein contained.

(3) Nothing in this Act shall affect the devolution or distribution of the real or personal estate of any intestate, not being a party to the marriage, who on 27th March, 1934 shall be, and shall until his death continue to be, a lunatic, so found by inquisition.

Saving

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act, it shall not be lawful for a divorced man, or a man who has divorced his wife, to contract any marriage which, upon the decease of any person, would be authorised by this Act, but which would otherwise be void or voidable by reason of affinity, during the lifetime of that person.

Citation

5. This Act may be cited as the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Act, Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter M50.