



## REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS AMENDMENT ACT 1985

## No. 19 of 1985

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## AN ACT to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1895. [Royal Assent 1 May 1985]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1—This Act may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths Short title.

Amendment Act 1985.

Commencement.

- **2**—(1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the day on which this Act receives the royal assent.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (1), this Act shall commence on such day as may be fixed by proclamation.

Principal Act.

3—In this Act, the Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1895\* is referred to as the Principal Act.

Amendment of section 22F of Principal Act (Record of adoptions and endorsements, &c., to be made in birth registers in relation to adopted persons).

- 4—Section 22F of the Principal Act is amended as follows:—
  - (a) by inserting after subsection (1A) the following subsections:—
    - (1B) The Registrar-General shall, on receipt of a memorandum under section 55 of the Adoption of Children Act 1968 in relation to the making of an adoption order for the adoption of a person born in a place other than this State or another State or Territory of the Commonwealth cause an entry in the prescribed form to be made in the special record.
    - (1c) Where, before the commencement of this subsection, an order for the adoption of a person born in a place other than this State or another State or Territory of the Commonwealth was made under the Adoption of Children Act 1968, the Registrar-General, on the application of that person or an adopting parent of that person and on the receipt of a copy of that order or such other official document relating to the adoption as the Registrar-General thinks sufficient, may cause to be made in relation to that person, in the special record referred to in subsection (1B), the same entry as he would have made if the order for the adoption of that person had been made under the Adoption of Children Act 1968 after the commencement of this subsection.

<sup>\* 59</sup> Vict. No. 9 For this Act, as reprinted up to and including 31st December 1959, see the Reprint of Statutes (1826-1959), Vol. 5. p. 297. Subsequently amended by No. 16 of 1963, No. 55 of 1965, No. 46 of 1966, No. 58 of 1968, No. 10 of 1973, No. 36 of 1974, and No. 29 of 1984, and S.R. 1969, No. 214.

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- (1D) Where, before the day on which the Adoption of Children Act 1968 commenced, an order for the adoption of a person born in a place other than this State or another State or Territory of the Commonwealth was registered in the register of adoptions kept by the Registrar-General for the purposes of the Adoption of Children Act 1920, the Registrar-General, on the application of that person or an adopting parent of that person and on the receipt of a copy of that order or such other official document relating to the adoption as the Registrar-General thinks sufficient, may cause to be made, in relation to that person, in the special record referred to in subsection (1B), the same entry as he would have made if the order for the adoption of that person had been made under the Adoption of Children Act 1968 after the commencement of this subsection.
- (b) by omitting "subsection (1)" from subsection (2) and substituting "subsections (1) and (1B)";
- (c) by inserting after subsection (4) the following subsection:—
  - (4A) Where an entry in relation to a person has been made, in accordance with subsection (1D), in the special record referred to in subsection (1B), neither the Registrar-General nor any registrar shall, except by leave of a judge or of the Master of the Supreme Court, issue to any person a copy of or an extract of or from the register of adoptions kept by the Registrar-General for the purposes of the Adoption of Children Act 1920.
- (d) by inserting after subsection (5) the following subsection:—
  - (6) A copy of, or an extract from, an entry in the special record referred to in subsection (1B) shall be in the prescribed form.
- **5**—Section 22G of the Principal Act is amended as follows:—
  - (a) by inserting "(1)" before "On receipt";
  - (b) by inserting the following subsection as subsection (2) of adoption orders).

(2) On receipt of a memorandum under section 55 of the Adoption of Children Act 1968 in relation to the discharge of an order for the adoption of a person who was born in a place other than this State or another State or Territory of the Commonwealth, the Registrar-General shall cause the entry made in relation to that person in the special record referred to in section 22F (1B) to be cancelled.

Amendment of section 36a of Principal Act (Change of name).

**6**—Section 36A (1) (a) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "paragraph (c) of subsection (1)" and substituting "subsections (1) (c) and (1B)".

Amendment of section 37 of Principal Act (Indexes searches, certificates, &c.).

- **7**—Section 37 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:—
  - (a) by omitting "paragraph (c) of subsection (1)" from subsection (2) and substituting "subsections (1) (c) and (1B)";
  - (b) by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:—
    - (2A) For the purposes of certifying a copy of any entry in any index, register book, or record referred to in subsection (2), the Registrar-General, or any person authorized by the Registrar-General, may attach a facsimile of the signature of the Registrar-General to copies of any entries in any index, register book, or record referred to in subsections (1) (c) and (1B) of section 22F and the facsimile so attached has the same force and effect as if the Registrar-General had personally signed his name in the place of the facsimile signature, and all courts and judges shall take judicial notice of the facsmile signature of the Registrar-General and shall presume that it is properly attached.
  - (c) by omitting "paragraph (c) of subsection (1)" from subsection (3) and substituting "subsections (1) (c) and (1B)".