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An Act to reinstate a provision in the Cook Islands Act 1915 that was repealed in error.

The Parliament of the Cook Islands enacts as follows—

(30 June 2020)

- 1 Title**
This Act is the Cook Islands Amendment Act 2020.
- 2 Commencement**
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it is assented to by the Queen's Representative.
- 3 Principal Act**
This Act amends the Cook Islands Act 1915 (the **principal Act**).
- 4 New Part heading and section 615 inserted**
The following heading and section are inserted after section 605:

Part 24

Laws of Cook Islands: General provisions

Application of laws of New Zealand

- 615 Law of England as in year 1840 to be in force in Cook Islands**
- “(1) The law of England as existing on 14 January 1840 (being the year in which the Colony of New Zealand was established) is in force in the Cook Islands, except to the extent that—
- “(a) it is inconsistent with this Act or any other enactment; or

- “(b) it is inapplicable because of the circumstances of the Cook Islands.
- “(2) However, no Act of the Parliament of England or of Great Britain or of the United Kingdom passed before 14 January 1840 is in force in the Cook Islands unless and except so far as it was in force in New Zealand at the commencement of this Act.
- “(3) For the purpose of determining any question about the application or interpretation of this section or for any other purpose, this section must be treated as having come into force on the repeal of section 615 of the principal Act (as it then read) by the Schedule of the Infrastructure Act 2019.”

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice.
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