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2007, No.7

An Act to amend the Marriage Act 1973 by prohibiting persons of the same gender from marrying each other

(16 April 2007)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in Session assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title - This Act may be cited as the Marriage Amendment Act 2007 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Marriage Act 1973 (“the principal Act”).

2. Marriage between persons of same gender prohibited - The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 15 the following –

“15A. Marriage between persons of same gender prohibited - (1) No person shall be permitted to marry another person who is of the same gender as him or herself.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) a person who has been born as a male or as a female as the case may be, shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act always to be of that gender, notwithstanding that he or she may have undergone surgical or other medical treatment to give that person the physical characteristics of the opposite gender.”

3. Repeal - The Marriage (Amendment) Act 2000 is repealed.

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice