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1985, No. 27

An Act to amend the Marriage Act 1955

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BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Marriage Amendment Act 1985, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Marriage Act 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Interpretation—Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the definitions of the terms “Commonwealth country” and “New Zealand representative”, and substituting, respectively, the following definitions:

“‘Commonwealth country’ includes any territory for whose international relations the government of a Commonwealth country is responsible:

“‘New Zealand representative’ means a person who is a member of the overseas service within the meaning of section 2 of the Foreign Affairs and Overseas Service Act 1983:”.

3. Approval of organisations—Section 9 of the principal Act (as substituted by section 3 (1) of the Marriage Amendment Act 1976) is hereby amended by repealing subsection (7), and substituting the following subsections:

“(6A) Where an approved organisation changes its name or any of its objects, it shall forthwith give the Registrar notice in writing, signed in the manner required by subsection (2) of this section for an application under subsection (1) of this section,—

“(a) Of its former and new names; and

“(b) Of whether or not its objects remain unchanged since it last stated them to the Registrar-General under this section; and

“(c) If those objects do not so remain unchanged, stating its present objects.

“(6B) Where the Registrar-General is satisfied that an approved organisation has changed its name he shall notify the change by notice in the *Gazette* specifying that organisation's former and new names.

“(6C) Where the Registrar-General—

“(a) Has been notified under subsection (6A) of this section that the objects of an approved organisation have changed; or

“(b) Is satisfied that any of the objects of an approved organisation has changed since that organisation last stated its objects to the Registrar-General under this section,—

he shall recommend to the Minister of Justice either—

“(c) That that organisation should continue to be an approved organisation; or

“(d) That the Minister of Justice should withdraw his approval of that organisation.

“(6D) The Registrar-General shall not recommend under subsection (6C) of this section that an organisation should continue to be an approved organisation unless he is satisfied that the principal object or one of the principal objects of that organisation is to uphold or promote religious beliefs or philosophical or humanitarian convictions.

“(7) If—

“(a) At any time, the Minister of Justice—

“(i) Becomes satisfied that, in the light of information not available to him at the time he approved an organisation, or by virtue of a change in the circumstances of an approved organisation, that organisation should not continue to be an approved organisation; or

“(ii) Is no longer satisfied (whether or not as a result of a recommendation under subsection (6C) of this section) that the principal object or one of

the principal objects of an approved organisation is to uphold or promote religious beliefs or philosophical or humanitarian convictions; or

“(b) For a continuous period of at least 12 months no person nominated by an approved organisation has his name on the list,—

the Minister of Justice may, by notice in the *Gazette*, withdraw his approval of that organisation; and on the date of the publication of that notice that organisation shall cease to be an approved organisation.”

This Act is administered in the Department of Justice.
