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1986, No. 97

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 1986, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Marriage Act 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Approval of organisations—(1) Section 9 of the principal Act (as substituted by section 3 (1) of the Marriage Amendment Act 1976 and amended by section 3 of the Marriage Amendment Act 1985) is hereby amended by repealing subsections (4) to (6), and substituting the following subsections:

“(4) If the Registrar-General is satisfied that the principal object or one of the principal objects of the organisation is to uphold or promote religious beliefs or philosophical or humanitarian convictions, he may by notice in the *Gazette* declare the organisation to be an approved organisation.

“(4A) If the Registrar-General fails or refuses to declare the organisation an approved organisation, he shall, if required to do so by the organisation, refer the application to the Minister of Justice who, if he is satisfied that the principal object or one of the principal objects of the organisation is to uphold or promote beliefs or convictions as aforesaid, may direct the Registrar-General to declare the organisation, by notice in the

Gazette, an approved organisation; and in that case the Registrar-General shall forthwith do so.”

- (2) The said section 9 is hereby consequentially amended—
- (a) By omitting from subsection (6c) (d) the words “withdraw his”, and substituting the words “cancel the”; and
 - (b) By omitting from subsection (7) (a) (i) the words “at the time he approved an organisation”, and substituting the words “or the Registrar-General (as the case may be) when an organisation was approved”; and
 - (c) By omitting from subsection (7) (a) (ii) the words “no longer”, and substituting the word “not”; and
 - (d) By omitting from subsection (7) the words “withdraw his”, and substituting the words “cancel the”.

3. Notice of marriage—Section 23 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, where the 2 persons concerned are ordinarily resident outside New Zealand, the person giving notice may do so by posting the prescribed form to the Registrar; but in that case the Registrar shall not issue the licence until satisfied that one of those persons has made the appropriate statutory declaration.”

This Act is administered in the Department of Justice.
