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1979, No. 112

An Act to amend the Status of Children Act 1969

[13 December 1979]

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 Status of Children Amendment Act 1979, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Status of Children Act 1969 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Evidence and proof of paternity—Section 8 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “subsection (1)”, the words “or subsection (2)”.

3. Instruments of acknowledgment may be filed with Registrar-General—Section 9 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (2), and substituting the following subsections:

“(2) The Registrar-General shall cause indexes of all instruments and duplicates and copies of instruments filed with him under subsection (1) of this section to be made and kept in his office, and shall, upon the request of any person

who, in the opinion of the Registrar-General, has a proper interest in the matter, and on payment of any prescribed fee or fees—

“(a) Cause a search of any index to be made:

“(b) Permit any such person to inspect any such instrument or any such duplicate or copy:

“(c) Issue any such person with a certified copy of—

“(i) Any such instrument; or

“(ii) Any such duplicate or copy:

“(d) Issue any such person with a certificate setting out the result of a search pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection.

“(2A) In any case of dispute under subsection (2) of this section as to a person’s interest in the matter, the Registrar-General shall, upon that person’s request, submit the matter to a Magistrate, whose decision shall be final.”

This Act is administered in the Department of Justice.
