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*(Ordinance 6 of 1953)*

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BORN BEFORE THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR PARENTS.

#### **Commencement**

*[3 December 1953]*

#### **Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Legitimation Ordinance.

#### **Legitimation of child born before marriage of parents**

2. Any child born before the marriage of his or her parents whose parents have intermarried or shall hereafter intermarry shall be deemed on the marriage of such parents to have been legitimated as from the date of such marriage and shall be entitled to all the rights of a child born in wedlock.

#### **Provision as to issue of legitimated child who died before legitimation**

3. The issue of any such legitimated child who has died or may hereafter die before the marriage of his or her parents shall take, by operation of law, the same real and personal property which would have accrued to such issue if the parent had been born in wedlock.

#### **Not to affect estate, etc., in possession or expectancy before commencement of Ordinance**

4. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect any estate, right, or interest in any real or personal property to which any person has become or may become entitled, either immediately or immediately in possession or expectancy by virtue of any disposition made before the commencement of this Ordinance, or by virtue of any devolution by law on the death of any person dying before the commencement of this Ordinance.

#### **Ordinance not operative if at time of birth there be legal impediment to the marriage of parents**

5. Nothing in this Ordinance shall have the effect of legitimating any child if at the time of the birth of such child there existed any legal impediment to the intermarriage of the parents of such child.