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JEWISH MARRIAGE ACT 1946

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[29 October 1946]

[preamble and words of enactment omitted]

Interpretation

1 In this Act "rabbi" means a priest or other person of the Jewish faith who is authorized by or under the rules and usages of that faith to celebrate marriages according to its rites and ceremonies.

Legality of Jewish religious marriages

2 Subject to this Act, marriages may be celebrated in Bermuda according to the rites and ceremonies of the Jewish faith; and any such marriages are hereinafter in this Act referred to as Jewish marriages.

Governor may license rabbis as Marriage Officers

3 (1) The Governor, acting in his discretion, may grant a licence to any rabbi to be a Marriage Officer within Bermuda authorizing him to celebrate Jewish marriages.

(2) The provisions of the Marriage Act 1944 [*title 27 item 1*], which relate to the grant of a licence to a minister to be a Marriage Officer and to the revocation or surrender of such a licence shall apply

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with necessary modifications to the grant, by virtue of this section, of a licence to a rabbi and to the revocation and surrender thereof.

(3) Any rabbi to whom a licence is granted by virtue of this section is hereinafter in this Act referred to as a Jewish Marriage Officer.

Application of Marriage Act 1944 to Jewish marriages

4 The Marriage Act 1944 [*title 27 item 1*] (as amended by any subsequent Act) shall have effect—

- (a) in relation to the celebration or intended celebration of Jewish marriages and the powers and duties of Jewish Marriage Officers as it has effect in relation to the celebration or intended celebration of Christian marriages and the powers and duties of Marriage Officers in connection therewith:

Provided that where a Jewish marriage is intended to be celebrated by a Jewish Marriage Officer after the publication of banns, such banns shall be published as provided in the Marriage Act 1944 [*title 27 item 1*], so, however, that publication of the banns shall be made on three Saturdays preceding the celebration of the Jewish marriage; and

- (b) in relation to the acts or omissions of persons who are parties to or otherwise concerned in the celebration or intended celebration of Jewish marriages or any other matters relating to Jewish marriages as it has effect in relation to the acts or omissions of persons who are parties to or are otherwise concerned in the celebration or intended celebration of Christian marriages or any other matters relating to Christian marriages.

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1952 : 11
1961 : 1
1968 : 156]