



**CIVIL STATUS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018**

*(Act 6 of 2018)*

*I assent*

Danny Faure  
President

*8th August, 2018*



**AN ACT to amend the Civil Status Act (Cap.34)**

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly.

1. This Act may be cited as the Civil Status (Amendment) Act, 2018. Short title

Amendment  
of Cap 34

2. The Civil Status Act is hereby amended as follows—

- (a) by repealing section 76(1) and (2) and substituting therefor the following subsections—

“76.(1) Whenever the parties to a marriage request an officer to celebrate their marriage at a private house or place which falls within the district assigned to that officer, the officer shall celebrate the marriage as requested.

(1A) A request under subsection (1) shall be provided only on payment of the prescribed fee by the parties and, if the officer so requires, by providing conveyance for the officer to and from such private house or place.

(1B) The fee prescribed under subsection (1A) shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund and the officer shall be entitled to receive an allowance, per marriage celebrated, as may be prescribed.

(2) The allowances received under subsection (1A) shall not be taken into account in computing the officer's pension or retirement benefits.”;

(3) For the purposes of this section, the words “prescribed fee” shall include a fee payable for the celebration of the marriage, allowances payable to the officer celebrating the marriage and allowances in lieu of the provision of conveyance.

- (b) by inserting after section 163 the following sections—

Power of  
Minister to  
issue  
directions  
or orders

**“164. The Minister may issue general directions or orders for the purposes of regulating matters under this Act.**

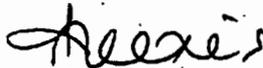
Regulations

**165.(1) The Minister may make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.**

**(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the regulations may provide for —**

- (a) the fees to be paid by the parties for celebrating a marriage under section 76;**
- (b) the mode of conveyance to be provided to the officer celebrating a marriage under section 76 or allowance in lieu of such conveyance;**
- (c) the allowances payable to an officer who celebrates a marriage—**
  - (i) during office hours;**
  - (ii) outside office hours,****under section 76; or**
- (d) any other matter required to be prescribed under this Act.”**

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 10th July, 2018.



Ms. Jutta Alexis  
Clerk to the National Assembly