

Naghti l-kunsens tiegħi.

(L.S.)

GUIDO DE MARCO
President

21 ta' Marzu, 2000

ATT Nru. IX ta' l-2000

ATT biex jipprovi għal emenda fit-titlu ta' Ministri responsabbli għal ċerti dikasteri f'diversi liġijiet u għall-ħatra ta' Nutar Pubbliku ma' l-Uffiċċju Kongunt.

IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità ta' l-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej:-

1. Dan l-Att jista' jissejjah l-Att ta' l-2000 dwar it-Tismija ta' Ministri f'Diversi Liġijiet. Titolu fil-qosor.

2. Il-Kodiċi Ċivili għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

Emenda tal-Kodiċi
Ċivili, Kap. 16.

(a) fl-artikolu 268 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "mill-Ministru responsabbli għall-ġustizzja" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "mill-Ministru responsabbli għar-Registru Pubbliku"; u

(b) fl-artikolu 271 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Il-Ministru responsabbli għall-ġustizzja" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Registru Pubbliku".

3. L-Att dwar il-Professjoni Nutarili u l-Arkivji Nutarili għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej: Emenda ta' l-Att
dwar
il-Professjoni
Nutarili

(a) minflok is-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 3 tiegħu għandu jidhol dan li ġej: u l-Arkivji Nutarili,
Kap. 55.

“(2) Bla hsara ghad-dispożizzjonijiet ta’ l-artikoli 14 u 22 sa fejn jirreferixxu għall-karigi ta’ Nutar Prinċipali tal-Gvern, Nutar tal-Gvern, Nutar Pubbliku fid-Dipartiment ta’ l-Artijiet u Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt, ebda persuna li jkollha kariga bi hlas taht il-Gvern, minbarra l-kariga ta’ Direttur jew ta’ Assistent Direttur tar-Reġistru Pubbliku jew ta’ Direttur jew ta’ Assistent Direttur tar-Reġistru ta’ l-Artijiet, ma tista’ tiġi mahtura bhala nutar:

Izda d-Direttur jew l-Assistent Direttur tar-Reġistru Pubbliku u d-Direttur jew l-Assistent Direttur tar-Reġistru ta’ l-Artijiet ma jistax jeżercita ta’ nutar hlief bhala Nutar Prinċipali tal-Gvern jew Nutar tal-Gvern.”;

(b) fis-subartikolu (2) ta’ l-artikolu 5 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “Il-Ministru responsabbli għall-ġustizzja” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “Il-Ministru responsabbli għall-affarijiet nutarili”;

(ċ) fis-subartikolu (1) ta’ l-artikolu 7 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “il-Ministru responsabbli għall-ġustizzja” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “il-Ministru responsabbli għall-affarijiet nutarili” u minnufih wara l-kliem “mill-Arkivist” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “jew mid-Direttur tar-Reġistru ta’ l-Artijiet”;

(d) l-artikolu 14 tiegħu għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(i) fil-proviso li hemm mal-paragrafu (a) tas-subartikolu (1) minflok il-kliem “l-Awtorità tad-Djar taht” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “l-Awtorità tad-Djar jew Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt taht”; u

(ii) fis-subartikolu (3) minflok il-kliem “l-Awtorità tad-Djar ma jispicċax” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “l-Awtorità tad-Djar jew Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt ma jispicċax”;

(e) l-artikolu 18 tiegħu għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(i) fil-paragrafu (a) tal-proviso, minflok il-kliem “mill-Ministru responsabbli għall-ġustizzja” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “mill-Ministru responsabbli għall-affarijiet nutarili”;

(ii) fi tmiem il-paragrafu (b) tal-proviso minflok il-kliem “l-Awtorità tad-Djar.” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “l-Awtorità tad-Djar; u” u minnufih wara għandu jidied dan li ġej:

“(ċ) il-konservatur *ex officio* ta’ l-atti u registri ta’ dawk li kienu nutara ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt ikun in-Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt, u meta l-kariga ta’ Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt tkun vakanti, il-konservatur ta’ l-Arkivji ta’ Malta jkun *ex officio* l-konservatur ta’ l-atti u r-registri ta’ dawk li kienu nutara ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt.”;

(f) l-artikolu 22 tiegħu għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(i) fis-subartikolu (1) minflok il-kliem “u Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Awtorita` tad-Djar” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “, Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Awtorita` tad-Djar u Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt”;

(ii) fis-subartikolu (2) minflok il-kliem minn “fid-Dipartiment ta’ l-Artijiet” sa “ikunu mahtura” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “fid-Dipartiment ta’ l-Artijiet, in-Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Awtorita` tad-Djar u n-Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt ikunu mahtura”;

(iii) fis-subartikolu (3) minflok il-kliem minn “fid-Dipartiment ta’ l-Artijiet” sa “ikunu” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “fid-Dipartiment ta’ l-Artijiet, in-Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Awtorita` tad-Djar u n-Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt ikunu”;

(iv) fis-subartikolu (5) minnufih wara l-kliem “ma’ l-Awtorita` tad-Djar” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “jew Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt” u minnufih wara l-kliem “jew tan-Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Awtorita` tad-Djar” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “jew tan-Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt”; u

(v) fis-subartikolu (6) minnufih wara l-kliem “tar-Registru Pubbliku” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “jew Direttur jew Assistent Direttur tar-Registru ta’ l-Artijiet”;

(g) l-artikolu 23 tiegħu għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(i) fis-subartikolu (1) minflok il-kliem “tal-Gvern u” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “tal-Gvern,” u wara l-kliem “ta’ l-Artijiet” għandhom jiżdiedu l-kliem “u n-Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt”; u

(ii) fis-subartikolu (2) minflok il-kliem “Kemmuna u” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “Kemmuna,” u minnufih wara l-kliem “ta’ l-Artijiet” għandhom jiżdiedu l-kliem “u n-Nutar Pubbliku ma’ l-Uffiċċju Kongunt”;

(h) fl-artikolu 24 tieghu, minnufih wara l-kliem “l-Awtorita` tad-Djar” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “jew ghan-Nutar Pubbliku ma` l-Uffiċċju Kongunt”;

(i) fl-artikolu 93 tieghu u fin-nota marginali relattiva, minflok il-kliem “Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “Ministru responsabbli ghall-affarijiet nutarili”;

(j) fl-artikolu 94 tieghu u fin-nota marginali relattiva, minflok il-kliem “Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “Ministru responsabbli ghall-affarijiet nutarili”;

(k) fis-subartikolu (1) ta’ l-artikolu 96 tieghu, minflok il-kliem “mill-Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “mill-Ministru responsabbli ghall-affarijiet nutarili”;

(l) fis-subartikolu (1) ta’ l-artikolu 107 tieghu, minflok il-kliem “mill-Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “mill-Ministru responsabbli ghall-affarijiet nutarili”;

(m) fis-subartikolu (2) ta’ l-artikolu 110 tieghu, minflok il-kliem “l-Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “l-Ministru responsabbli ghall-affarijiet nutarili”;

(n) fis-subartikolu (3) ta’ l-artikolu 116 tieghu, minflok il-kliem “lill-Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “lill-Ministru responsabbli ghall-affarijiet nutarili”;

(o) fis-subartikolu (2) ta’ l-artikolu 146 tieghu, minflok il-kliem “Il-Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “Il-Ministru responsabbli ghall-affarijiet nutarili”;

(p) fis-subartikolu (1) ta’ l-artikolu 152 tieghu, minflok il-kliem “Il-Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “Il-Ministru responsabbli ghall-affarijiet nutarili”; u

(q) fit-Tasqsima II ta’ l-Iskeda li tinsab mieghu, fil-paragrafu 49 taghha, minflok il-kliem “mill-Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “mill-Ministru responsabbli ghall-affarijiet nutarili”.

Emenda ta’ l-Att
dwar
ir-Registru
Pubbliku,
Kap. 56.

4. L-Att dwar ir-Registru Pubbliku ghandu jigi emendat kif
gej:-

(a) fl-artikolu 12 tieghu, minflok il-kliem “l-Ministru responsabbli ghall-gustizzja” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “l-Ministru responsabbli ghar-Registru Pubbliku”; u

(b) fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 39 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Il-Ministru responsabbli għall-gustizzja" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Registru Pubbliku".

5. Fi tmiem l-artikolu 4 ta' l-Ordinanza dwar ir-Regolament tat-Traffiku, għandu jizdied dan is-subartikolu ġdid li ġej:

Emenda ta' l-Ordinanza dwar ir-Regolament tat-Traffiku, Kap. 65.

"(7) Għall-finijiet ta' dan l-artikolu, il-kelma "Ministru" tfisser il-Ministru responsabbli għat-trasport."

6. Fl-artikolu 15 ta' l-Ordinanza li Tneħhi l-Kontroll tad-Djar, minflok il-kliem "Il-Ministru responsabbli għall-gustizzja" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Registru Pubbliku".

Emenda ta' l-Ordinanza li Tneħhi l-Kontroll tad-Djar, Kap. 158.

7. L-Att dwar l-Immigrazzjoni għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:-

Emenda ta' l-Att dwar l-Immigrazzjoni, Kap. 217.

(a) fl-artikolu 2 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem " "Ministru tfisser il-Ministru responsabbli għall-gustizzja" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem " "Ministru" tfisser il-Ministru responsabbli għall-immigrazzjoni;"

(b) fl-ewwel proviso li hemm mas-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 3 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Ministru responsabbli għall-intern" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(c) fl-artikolu 4 tiegħu:

(i) fil-proviso għas-subartikolu (1) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Prim Ministru" fit-test Malti għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru"; u

(ii) fis-subartikoli (2) u (3) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Prim Ministru" kull fejn dawn jinsabu għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(d) fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 7 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Prim Ministru" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(e) fis-subartikoli (1), (2) u (3) ta' l-artikolu 11 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Prim Ministru" kull fejn dawn jinsabu għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(f) fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 12 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Prim Ministru" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(g) fil-proviso għas-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 13 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Prim Ministru" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(h) fil-proviso għas-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 14 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Ministru responsabbli għall-intern" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(i) fil-proviso għall-artikolu 19 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Ministru responsabbli għall-intern" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(j) fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 20 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Ministru responsabbli għall-intern" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(k) fis-subartikoli (1), (2), (6) u (7) ta' l-artikolu 22 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Ministru responsabbli għall-intern" kull fejn dawn jinsabu, għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(l) fil-proviso għas-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 25 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Prim Ministru" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(m) minflok in-nota marginali li hemm ma' l-artikolu 26 u minflok is-subartikolu (1) tiegħu, għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

"Delega ta' setgħat mill-Prim Ministru u mill-Ministru.

26. (1) Il-Prim Ministru u l-Ministru jista' kull wiehied minnhom jawtorizza bil-miktub lil uffiċjal pubbliku mhux taht il-grad ta' Kap ta' Dipartiment biex jeżerċita minfloku s-setgħat kollha jew uħud minnhom mogħtija lilu bħala Prim Ministru jew Ministru, skond il-każ, b'dan l-Att, minbarra għar-rigward tal-Prim Ministru s-setgħat mogħtija bis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 3 u għar-rigward tal-Ministru responsabbli għall-intern is-setgħat mogħtija bil-proviso għas-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 14 u bl-artikolu 36:

Izda l-Prim Ministru u l-Ministru jista', kull wiehied minnhom, skond il-każ, jawtorizza taht dan is-subartikolu persuni differenti għal skopijiet differenti."

(n) fis-subartikoli (3) u (6) ta' l-artikolu 31 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Ministru responsabbli għall-intern" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(o) fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 35 tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "Ministru responsabbli għall-intern" kull fejn dawn jinsabu għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru";

(p) fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 36 tieghu, minflok il-kliem "Ministru responsabbli għall-intern" għandha tidhol il-kelma "Ministru".

8. Fit-tifsira ta' "Ministru" fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 2 ta' l-Att dwar iż-Żwieġ, minflok il-kliem "il-Ministru responsabbli għall-gustizzja" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "il-Ministru responsabbli għar-Registru Pubbliku".

Emenda ta' l-Att
dwar iż-Żwieġ,
Kap 255.

Mghoddi mill-Kamra tad-Deputati fis-Seduta Nru 261 tat-13 ta' Marzu, 2000.

ANTON TABONE
Speaker

RICHARD J. CAUCHI
Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati

I assent.

(L.S.)

GUIDO DE MARCO
President

21st March, 2000

ACT No. IX of 2000

AN ACT to provide for an amendment to the designation of Ministers responsible for certain Government departments in various laws and for the appointment of a Notary Public with the Joint Office.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Designation of Ministers in Various Laws Act, 2000.

Amendment of
the Civil Code,
Cap. 16.

2. The Civil Code shall be amended as follows:-

(a) in section 268 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for the Public Registry"; and

(b) in section 271 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for the Public Registry".

Amendment of
the Notarial
Profession and
Notarial Archives
Act, Cap. 55.

3. The Notarial Profession and Notarial Archives Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) for subsection (2) of section 3 thereof there shall be substituted the following:

“(2) Saving the provisions of sections 14 and 22 in so far as they relate to the offices of Chief Notary to Government, Notary to Government, Notary Public in the Land Department and Notary Public with the Joint Office, no person holding an office of profit under the Government except the office of Director or Assistant Director of the Public Registry or Director or Assistant Director of the Land Registry, may be appointed to be a Notary:

Provided that the Director or the Assistant Director of the Public Registry and the Director or Assistant Director of the Land Registry may not practise as a notary except in the capacity of Chief Notary to Government or Notary to Government.”;

(b) in subsection (2) of section 5 thereof, for the words “Minister responsible for justice” there shall be inserted the words “Minister responsible for notarial affairs”;

(c) in subsection (1) of section 7 thereof for the words “Minister responsible for justice” there shall be substituted the words “Minister responsible for notarial affairs” and for the words “of the Archives, and” there shall be substituted the words “of the Archives or the Director of the Land Registry, and”;

(d) section 14 thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) in the proviso to paragraph (a) of subsection (1) for the words “Housing Authority under” there shall be substituted the words “Housing Authority or Notary Public with the Joint Office, under”; and

(ii) in subsection (3) for the words “Housing Authority shall not” there shall be substituted the words “Housing Authority or Notary Public with the Joint Office shall not”;

(e) section 18 thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) in paragraph (a) of the proviso, for the words “Minister responsible for justice” there shall be substituted the words “Minister responsible for notarial affairs”; and

(ii) at the end of paragraph (b) of the proviso for the words “Housing Authority.” there shall be substituted the words “Housing Authority; and”, and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following:

“(c) the *ex officio* keeper of the deeds and registers of former Notaries with the Joint Office shall be the Notary Public with the Joint Office and where the office of Notary Public with the Joint Office is vacant, the Keeper of the Malta Archives shall *ex officio* be the keeper of the deeds and registers of former Notaries with the Joint Office.”;

(f) section 22 thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) in subsection (1) for the words “and one Notary Public with the Housing Authority” there shall be substituted the words “, one Notary Public with the Housing Authority and one Notary Public with the Joint Office”;

(ii) in subsection (2) for the words from “Land Department” to “shall be appointed” there shall be substituted the words “Land Department, the Notary Public with the Housing Authority and the Notary Public with the Joint Office shall be appointed”;

(iii) in subsection (3) for the words from “Land Department” to “shall consist” there shall be substituted the words “Land Department, the Notary Public with the Housing Authority and the Notary Public with the Joint Office shall consist”;

(iv) in subsection (5) immediately after the words “Housing Authority” there shall be added the words “or a Notary Public with the Joint Office” and immediately after the words “or of the Notary Public with the Housing Authority” there shall be added the words “or of the Notary Public with the Joint Office”; and

(v) in subsection (6) immediately after the words “Public Registry” there shall be added the words “or Director or Assistant Director of the Land Registry”;

(g) section 23 thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) in subsection (1) for the words “Government and” there shall be substituted the words “Government,” and after the words “Land Department” there shall be added the words “and the Notary Public with the Joint Office,”; and

(ii) in subsection (2) for the words “Comino and” there shall be substituted the words “Comino,” and immediately after the words “Land Department” there shall be added the words “and the Notary Public with the Joint Office”;

(h) in section 24 thereof immediately after the words "Housing Authority" there shall be added the words "or a Notary Public with the Joint Office";

(i) in section 93 thereof and in the marginal note thereto, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for notarial affairs";

(j) in section 94 thereof and in the marginal note thereto, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for notarial affairs";

(k) in subsection (1) of section 96 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for notarial affairs";

(l) in subsection (1) of section 107 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for notarial affairs";

(m) in subsection (2) of section 110 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for notarial affairs";

(n) in subsection (3) of section 116 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for notarial affairs";

(o) in subsection (2) of section 146 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for notarial affairs";

(p) in subsection (1) of section 152 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for notarial affairs"; and

(q) in Part II of the Schedule thereto, in paragraph 49 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for notarial affairs".

4. The Public Registry Act shall be amended as follows:-

Amendment of the
Public Registry
Act, Cap. 56.

(a) in section 12 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for the Public Registry"; and

(b) in subsection (1) of section 39 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for the Public Registry".

Amendment of the
Traffic Regulation
Ordinance, Cap. 65.

5. Immediately at the end of section 4 of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance, there shall be added the following new subsection:

"(7) For the purposes of this section, the word "Minister" means the Minister responsible for transport."

Amendment of the
Housing (Decontrol)
Ordinance, Cap. 158.

6. In section 15 of the Housing (Decontrol) Ordinance, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for the Public Registry".

Amendment of
the Immigration
Act,
Cap. 217.

7. The Immigration Act shall be amended as follows:-

(a) in section 2 thereof, for the words " "Minister" means the Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words " "Minister" means the Minister responsible for immigration";

(b) in the first proviso to subsection (2) of section 3 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for the interior" there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(c) in section 4 thereof:

(i) in the proviso to subsection (1) thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for the interior" in the English text there shall be substituted the word "Minister"; and

(ii) in subsections (2) and (3) thereof, for the words "Prime Minister" wherever these occur there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(d) in subsection (1) of section 7 thereof, for the words "Prime Minister" there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(e) in subsections (1), (2) and (3) of section 11, for the words "Prime Minister" wherever these occur there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(f) in subsection (1) of section 12 thereof, for the words "Prime Minister" there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(g) in the proviso to subsection (2) of section 13 thereof, for the words "Prime Minister" there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(h) in the proviso to subsection (2) of section 14 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for the interior" there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(i) in the proviso section 19 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for the interior" there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(j) in subsection (1) of section 20 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for the interior" there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(k) in subsections (1), (2), (6) and (7) of section 22 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for the interior" wherever these occur, there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(l) in the proviso to subsection (2) of section 25 thereof, for the words "Prime Minister" there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(m) for the marginal note to section 26 and for subsection (1) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:

"Delegation
of powers
by Prime
Minister
and the
Minister.

26. (1) The Prime Minister and the Minister may each authorise in writing a public officer not below the rank of a Head of Department to exercise on his behalf all or any of the powers conferred on him as Prime Minister or Minister, as the case may be, by this Act, excluding in respect of the Prime Minister the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 3 and in respect of the Minister responsible for the interior, the powers conferred by the proviso to subsection (2) of section 14 and section 36:

Provided that the Prime Minister and the Minister may each, as the case may be, authorise under this subsection different persons for different purposes.";

(n) in subsections (3) and (6) of section 31 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for the interior" there shall be substituted the word "Minister";

(o) in subsection (1) of section 35 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for the interior" wherever these occur, there shall be substituted the word "Minister"; and

(p) in subsection (1) of section 36 thereof, for the words "Minister responsible for the interior" there shall be substituted the word "Minister".

Amendment of
the Marriage Act,
Cap. 255.

8. In the definition of "Minister" in subsection (1) of section 2 of the Marriage Act, for the words "Minister responsible for justice" there shall be substituted the words "Minister responsible for the Public Registry".

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 261 of the 13th March, 2000.

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