Marriage Amendment Act 2005

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

(1) This Act is the Marriage Amendment Act 2005.

(2) In this Act, the Marriage Act 1955 is called "the principal Act".

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on 26 April 2005.

3 Interpretation

Section 2(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after the definition of **Minister**, the following definition:

"**minor** means a person under the age of 18 years".

4 Consent to marriage of minors

Section 18(1) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words "and has not previously been married".

5 Schedule 2 amended

The Schedule 2 of the principal Act is amended by adding the following clauses:

" 5 A man may not marry his—

"(1) Grandmother's civil union partner

"(2) Grandfather's civil union partner

"(3) ' Mother's civil union partner

"(4) Father's civil union partner

"(5) Son's civil union partner

"(6) Daughter's civil union partner

"(7) Grandson's civil union partner

"(8) Granddaughter's civil union partner

"(9) Civil union partner's grandmother

"(10) Civil union partner's mother

"(11) Civil union partner's daughter

"(12) Civil union partner's granddaughter.

" 6 A woman may not marry her—

"(1) Grandmother's civil union partner

"(2) Grandfather's civil union partner

"(3) Mother's civil union partner

"(4) Father's civil union partner

"(5) Son's civil union partner

"(6) Daughter's civil union partner

"(7) Granddaughter's civil union partner

"(8) Grandson's civil union partner

"(9) Civil union partner's grandfather

"(10) Civil union partner's father

"(11) Civil union partner's son

"(12) Civil union partner's grandson.

" 7 In this schedule, the term civil union partner means a former civil union partner whether he or she is alive or deceased, and whether the civil union was terminated by death or dissolution or otherwise.

“ 8 In this schedule, a reference to a stepfather or stepmother is a reference to a relationship established by marriage.”

Legislative history

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