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(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1917.

A BILL

To amend the Marriage Act, 1899, and the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899.

B it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Marriage (Amend- Short title. ment) Act, 1917."

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Marriage (Amendment).

2. (1) Subsection two of section three of the Amendment Marriage Act, 1899, is repealed, and the following is $_{Act.}^{of Marriage}$ substituted for it :---

(2) A marriage may be celebrated by a district registrar in the form of words set forth in the Third Schedule hereto, to be repeated and signed by the parties to such marriage; but such district registrar shall satisfy himself that the intended wife ordinarily resides within the registry district of such registrar.

(2) The Second Schedule to the same Act is repealed.

33A. The Minister of Justice may cancel the registration under this part of any minister of religion if in his opinion such minister of religion—

- (a) makes a business of celebrating marriages for the purpose of profit or gain; or
- (b) takes part in or is connected directly or indirectly with any such business; or
- (c) is guilty of any misconduct in the celebration of any marriage; or
- (d) is guilty of any breach of the Marriage Act, 1899, or of this Act.