

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

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A BILL

To make void any marriage where one of the parties thereto, being a male, is under the age of sixteen years, or being a female, is under the age of fifteen years; to amend the Marriage Act, 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

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BE 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. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Marriage Short title. (Amendment) Act, 1929."

(2) The Marriage Act, 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, and this Act, may be cited as the Marriage Acts, 1899-1929.

2. The Marriage Act, 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, is further amended—

Amendment of Act No. 15, 1899.

New s. 11A.

- (a) by inserting next after section twenty the following new Part:—

PART VIA.

AGE OF MARRIAGE.

20A. Every marriage celebrated in New South Wales after the commencement of the Marriage (Amendment) Act, 1929, shall be void where one of the parties thereto, being a male, is under the age of sixteen years, or being a female, is under the age of fifteen years.

Avoidance of marriages on account of youth of a party.  
cf. 19-20, Geo. V, c. 36.

- (b) (i) by inserting in section one before "Part VII" the words and figures "PART VIA (Revision.) —AGE OF MARRIAGE—s. 20A";
- (ii) by omitting from the same section the figures "18" and by inserting in lieu thereof the figures and letter "18A";
- (iii) by omitting from the same section the figures "27" and by inserting in lieu thereof the figures "31."

Sec. 1.

(Revision.)

