

Matrimonial Causes Act 1965

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MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT 1965

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Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

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- 1 Without prejudice to the provisions of section 38 of the...
- 2 Any agreement between the petitioner and the respondent to live...
- 3 Without prejudice to the provisions of section 38 of the...
- 4 In relation to a marriage celebrated before 1st November 1960,...
- 5 In relation to proceedings under section 23 of the Matrimonial...
- 6 Where the party chargeable under a maintenance agreement within the...
- 7 No right or liability shall attach by virtue of section...
- 8 Any rules of court made before 31st July 1963 shall...
- 9 In relation to an order made before 16th December 1949...
- 10 In relation to such proceedings as are mentioned in section...
- 11 Section 35(1) of this Act shall not apply in relation...

SCHEDULE 2 — Repeals