Matrimonial Causes Act 1973

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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 5

[F1FINANCIAL RELIEF: PROVISION CORRESPONDING TO PROVISION MADE BY PART 2 OF THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT 1973]

# **Textual Amendments**

Sch. 5 title substituted (22.4.2014) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), s. 61(3), Sch. 11 para. 177; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(e) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)

#### **PART 13**

### CONSENT ORDERS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

Alteration of agreements by court after death of one party

- 73 (1) This paragraph applies if
  - a maintenance agreement provides for the continuation of payments under the agreement after the death of one of the parties, and
  - that party ("A") dies domiciled in England and Wales.
  - (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), the surviving party or A's personal representatives may apply to the F1... court for an order under paragraph 69.
  - (3) If a maintenance agreement is altered by a court on an application made under subparagraph (2), the same consequences follow as if the alteration had been made immediately before the death by agreement between the parties and for valuable consideration.
  - (4) An application under this paragraph may not, without the leave of the F2... court, be made after the end of 6 months from the date on which representation in regard to A's estate is first taken out.
  - (5) A's personal representatives are not liable for having distributed any part of A's estate after the end of the 6 month period on the ground that they ought to have taken into account the possibility that a court might allow an application by virtue of this paragraph to be made by the surviving party after that period.
  - (6) Sub-paragraph (5) does not affect any power to recover any part of the estate so distributed arising by virtue of the making of an order in pursuance of this paragraph.
  - (7) Paragraph 60(6) applies for the purposes of sub-paragraph (4) as it applies for the purposes of paragraph 60(3).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 102(8A) inserted by 2023 asp 3 s. 56(2)
- s. 103(10) inserted by 2023 asp 3 s. 56(5)
- s. 108(5) inserted by 2023 asp 3 s. 56(8)
- s. 213(1A) inserted by 2013 c. 30 Sch. 2 para. 5(2)