



Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

CHAPTER 20

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT 1953

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A. The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874 (37 & 38 Vict. c. 88)

- 1 At the end of paragraph (6) of section thirty-seven there...

B. The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1926 (16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 48)

- 2 In subsection (1) of section one, for the reference to...

3 In section five, for the reference to a certificate given...

C. The Legitimacy Act, 1926 (16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 60)

4 For paragraph 6 of the Schedule there shall be substituted...

SECOND — Repeals
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