

ELIZABETH II



1985 CHAPTER 1

An Act to enable Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk to be married to each other. [27th March 1985]

WHEREAS—

(1) On 9th March 1957 Valerie Mary Hill (then aged 21 years and a spinster) married Terence Rusher:

(2) There were two issue of that marriage Janette Sandra Rusher born on 29th July 1959 and Beverly Ann Rusher born on 29th August 1957:

(3) The said Janette Sandra Rusher married Alan Monk on 25th March 1978:

(4) Alan Monk and Janette Sandra Rusher were divorced on 20th April 1983 and Alan Monk has not remarried:

(5) Valerie Mary Hill is now a widow, having been divorced from Terence Rusher on 15th March 1965 and having thereafter married, first, Charles Ernest Dowd, who died in February 1973 and, secondly, Robert Frederick Hill, who died in January 1983:

(6) Both Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk are domiciled and resident in England:

1949 c. 76.

(7) After the divorce referred to above Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk formed the wish to be married to each other but a marriage between them would be void as falling within section 1 (1) of the Marriage Act 1949 in that they stand in the relationship of mother-in-law and son-in-law:

(8) Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk regard the legal impediment to their marriage as imposing hardship on them, and as serving no useful purpose of public policy in the particular circumstances of their case:

(9) They accordingly desire that the impediment should be removed in their case:

(10) The object of this Act cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

Therefore Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk most humbly pray that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Power to marry.

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in any enactment or any rule of law to the contrary, there shall be no impediment to a marriage between Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk by reason of their relationship of mother-in-law and son-in-law, and no marriage hereafter contracted between them shall be void by reason of that relationship.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act (including the Preamble hereto)—

“Valerie Mary Hill” means Valerie Mary Hill who was born on 15th May 1935 the daughter of Doreen Beatrice Richmond and Ernest Victor Richmond;

“Alan Monk” means Alan Monk who was born on 9th January 1955 the son of Ronald William Monk and Sheila Mary Monk.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Act 1985.

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