

ELIZABETH II



1987 CHAPTER 2

An Act to enable George Donald Evans and Deborah Jane Evans to be married to each other.

[15th May 1987]

WHEREAS—

(1) On 27th March 1952 George Donald Evans (then aged 24 years and a bachelor) married Jeanne Beatrice Irene Field:

(2) There were three issue of that marriage; Peter Michael Evans born on 13th August 1954, Carol Ann Evans born on 19th March 1958 and Tina Lesley Evans born on 27th August 1963:

(3) The said Jeanne Beatrice Irene Field died on 8th June 1974 and George Donald Evans remains her widower:

(4) On 29th July 1977 the said Peter Michael Evans (then a bachelor) married Deborah Jane Evans (then aged 18 and a spinster):

(5) There were no issue of the said marriage of Peter Michael Evans and Deborah Jane Evans and that marriage was dissolved on 16th December 1980 on the petition filed in England of Deborah Jane Evans:

(6) After the divorce referred to above George Donald Evans and Deborah Jane Evans 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 father-in-law and daughter-in-law:

1949 c. 76.

(7) Both George Donald Evans and Deborah Jane Evans are domiciled and resident in England:

(8) George Donald Evans and Deborah Jane Evans 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:

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(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 George Donald Evans and Deborah Jane Evans 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 George Donald Evans and Deborah Jane Evans by reason of their relationship of father-in-law and daughter-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)—

“George Donald Evans” means George Donald Evans who was born on 18th October 1927 the son of Elsie Evans and Ernest William Evans; and

“Deborah Jane Evans” means Deborah Jane Evans who was born on 7th August 1958 the daughter of Edith Marian Mann and Frederick Charles Bishop.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the George Donald Evans and Deborah Jane Evans (Marriage Enabling) Act 1987.

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