

Royal Marriages and Succession to the Crown (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill

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Make provision to remove discrimination in respect of Royal marriages and succession to the Crown.

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:—

1 Succession to the Crown

- (1) In determining the line of succession to the Crown and to all rights, privileges and dignities belonging thereto no account shall be taken of gender, notwithstanding any previous custom or rule of law to the contrary.
- (2) This section is subject to the Act of Settlement 1700 (c. 2). 5

2 Roman Catholic consorts

- (1) The Bill of Rights (1688 1 Will. & Mar. Sess. 2 c. 2) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1, in the paragraph starting “Upon which their said Majestyes did accepte the crowne”, omit the words “or shall marry a papist” and “or marrying”. 10
- (3) The Act of Settlement 1700 is amended as follows.
- (4) In section 2 (The persons inheritable by this Act, holding communion with the church of Rome, incapacitated as by the former Act; to take the oath at their coronation, according to Stat 1, W & M c 6), omit the words “or shall marry a papist”. 15
- (5) The Union with Scotland Act 1706 (c. 11) is amended as follows.
- (6) In Article II (Succession to the monarchy), omit the words “and persons marrying papists” and the words “or person marrying a papist”.
- (7) The Union with England Act 1707 (c. 7) is amended as follows.
- (8) In Article II, omit the words “and persons marrying papists” and the words “or person marrying a papist”. 20

3 Royal marriages

The Royal Marriages Act 1772 (c. 11) is repealed.

4 Commencement

- (1) This Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint. 5
- (2) No order may be made under this section unless the Secretary of State has consulted the government of every Commonwealth country on the provisions of this Act.
- (3) This Act does not affect any succession to the Crown before the date on which this Act comes into force. 10
- (4) This Act affects the order of succession to the Crown in the event of the death of Her present Majesty.

5 Repeals

The Schedule sets out repeals.

6 Short title and extent

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- (1) This Act may be cited as the Royal Marriages and Succession to the Crown (Prevention of Discrimination) Act 2009.
- (2) This Act extends to the United Kingdom only.

SCHEDULE

Section 5

REPEALS

<i>Short title and chapter</i>	<i>Extent of repeal</i>	
Bill of Rights (1688 1 Will. & Mar. Sess. 2 c. 2)	In section 1, the words “or shall marry a papist” and “or marrying”.	5
Act of Settlement 1700 (c. 2)	In section 2, the words “or shall marry a papist”.	
Union with Scotland Act 1706 (c. 11)	In Article II, the words “and persons marrying papists” and the words “or person marrying a papist”.	10
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Royal Marriages Act 1772 (c. 11)	The whole Act.	

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