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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would

- (a) validate the dissolution of marriagespurportedly granted by the Master of the High Court under rule16A.(1)(i) of the *Rules of the Supreme Court 1982* (S.I. 1982 No. 51)which were revoked by the *Supreme Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2008* (S.I. 2008 No. 66);
- (b) indemnify all parties, including third parties, from anything done by them in their reliance upon the lawfulness of those dissolutions; and
- (c) provide for related matters.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Validation and Indemnification

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to validate the purported dissolution of marriages, indemnify parties to those marriages and third parties against consequences of anything done by them in their reliance upon the lawfulness of those dissolutions and provide for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Family Law (Dissolution of Marriages) (Validation and Indemnification) Act, 2019*.

Validation and Indemnification

- 2.(1)** All decrees purported to have been granted by the Master of the High Court in uncontested divorce applications under sections 27 and 42 of the *Family Law Act*, Cap. 214 pursuant to rule 16A.(1)(i) of the *Rules of the Supreme Court 1982* (S.I. 1982 No. 51) between the date of the revocation of those Rules by the *Supreme Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2008* (S.I. 2008 No. 66) and the date of the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been as lawfully granted as if those Rules had not been revoked.
- (2) All decrees referred to in subsection (1) are hereby made and declared to be lawful and are confirmed as on and from the time of the purported grant.
- (3) All parties to those purported grants of decrees and any other parties whosoever affected thereby are hereby freed, acquitted and indemnified from all legal proceedings of any kind whatever, whether civil or criminal, in respect of anything done by those parties in consequence, and in reliance upon the lawfulness, of those decrees.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2019.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this _____ day of
_____, 2019.

President