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### AN ACT TO DECLARE THE LAW RELATING TO DIVORCE AND TO REGULATE THE PROCEDURE IN SUITS FOR DIVORCE<sup>1</sup>

Commencement [12th August, 1927]

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Divorce Act.

#### 2 Interpretation<sup>2</sup>

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“**children of the family**” includes any legitimate children or stepchildren or any adopted children of the parties to the marriage and any other children who are ordinarily dependant on the parties to the marriage who —

- (a) are 18 years of age or under that age and are dependant upon the parties to the marriage for support;<sup>3</sup>
- (b) are over the age of 18 years and under the age of 25 years and are receiving full time instruction at any university, college school or other educational establishment, or are serving under articles or indentures with a view to qualifying in a trade or profession, and are dependant upon the parties to the marriage for support; or
- (c) are over the age of 18 years and are dependant upon the parties to the marriage for support on account of physical or mental incapacity.