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# Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2013

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(Attorney-General)

A Bill for an Act to impose celebrant registration charge, and for related purposes

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

#### 1 Short title

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This Act may be cited as the *Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Act 2013*.

### 2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

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Commencement in	nformation	
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. Sections 1 and 2 and anything in this Act not elsewhere covered by this table	The day this Act receives the Royal Assent.	
2. Sections 3 to 8	At the same time as Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the <i>Marriage Amendment (Celebrant Administration and Fees) Act 2013</i> commences.	
Note:	This table relates only to the provisions of this enacted. It will not be amended to deal with an this Act.	
Inforn	information in column 3 of the table is not anation may be inserted in this column, or in the edited, in any published version of this A	nformation in it
3 Object of Act		
fundir of Div provis (or see	bject of this Act is to impose a charge for the segment of the administration by the Commonweal vision 1 of Part IV of the <i>Marriage Act 196</i> at ion by the Commonwealth of services to peking to become registered) as marriage convision.	th of Subdivisio 61, and the beople registered
4 External Terr	itories	
This A	Act extends to the following Territories:	
` '	Norfolk Island;	
	the Territory of Christmas Island;	
(c) 1	the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.	

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1	5 Definiti	ions
2		In this Act:
3 4 5 6		<i>index number</i> , in relation to a quarter, means the All Groups Consumer Price Index number, being the weighted average of the 8 capital cities, published by the Australian Statistician in respect of that quarter.
7		statutory limit: see section 8.
8	6 Imposi	tion of celebrant registration charge
9 10 11		Celebrant registration charge that a person is liable to pay in respect of a financial year in accordance with section 39FA of the <i>Marriage Act 1961</i> is imposed.
12	7 Amoun	t of charge
13 14 15 16	(1)	The amount of celebrant registration charge payable by a person in respect of a financial year is the amount determined by the Minister by legislative instrument. The amount determined must not exceed the statutory limit for the financial year.
17 18 19 20 21	(2)	For people who become marriage celebrants later than 1 July in a financial year, a determination under subsection (1) may provide that different amounts of celebrant registration charge are payable in respect of that year according to when, in the year, they become marriage celebrants.
22	8 The sta	tutory limit
23	(1)	) The <i>statutory limit</i> is:
24		(a) for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2013—\$600; or
25		(b) for a later financial year:
26		(i) unless subparagraph (ii) applies—the amount calculated
27		by multiplying the statutory limit for the previous
28 29		financial year by the indexation factor for the later financial year; or

1	(ii) if the indexation factor for the later financial year is 1 or
2	less—the same amount as the statutory limit for the
3	previous financial year.
4	(2) The indexation factor for a financial year is the number worked ou
5	by dividing the index number for the March quarter immediately
6	preceding that financial year by the index number for the March
7	quarter immediately preceding that first-mentioned March quarter.
8	(3) The indexation factor for a financial year is to be worked out to 3
9	decimal places (rounding up if the fourth decimal place is 5 or
10	more).
11	(4) In working out the indexation factor for a financial year:
12	(a) use only the index numbers published in terms of the most
13	recently published reference base for the Consumer Price
14	Index; and
15	(b) disregard index numbers published in substitution for
16	previously published index numbers (except where the
17	substituted numbers are published to take account of changes
18	in the reference base).