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## **Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Bill 2013**

**No.     , 2013**

*(Attorney-General)*

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



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

3     The Parliament of Australia enacts:

4     **1 Short title**

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

7     **2 Commencement**

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

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- (a) Norfolk Island;
- (b) the Territory of Christmas Island;
- (c) the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

## 5 Definitions

In this Act:

***index number***, in relation to a quarter, means the All Groups Consumer Price Index number, being the weighted average of the capital cities, published by the Australian Statistician in respect of that quarter.

***statutory limit***: see section 8.

## 6 Imposition of celebrant registration charge

Celebrant registration charge that a person is liable to pay in respect of a financial year in accordance with section 39FA of the *Marriage Act 1961* is imposed.

## 7 Amount of charge

- (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.
- (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.

## 8 The statutory limit

- (1) The ***statutory limit*** is:
  - (a) for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2013—\$600; or
  - (b) for a later financial year:
    - (i) unless subparagraph (ii) applies—the amount calculated by multiplying the statutory limit for the previous financial year by the indexation factor for the later financial year; or

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- 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 out  
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).