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BRITISH NATIONALITY AND STATUS OF ALIENS
(IN NEW ZEALAND) AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Act, 1923. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Amendment Act, 1932, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Act, 1923 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.

2. (1) A woman who is a British subject shall not lose or be deemed to lose her British nationality by reason of her marriage with an alien. Natural status of married women.

(2) A woman who at the time of her marriage was a natural-born British subject or was naturalized in New Zealand, and who by reason of her having or at any time having had an alien husband, shall be deemed to be a

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natural-born or a naturalized British subject, as the case may be, unless she makes a declaration of alienage within one year after this Act comes into force, or, being abroad at the time this Act comes into force, within one year after she returns to New Zealand. 5

(3) An alien woman shall on her marriage to a British subject be deemed to be an alien.

Grant of certificate of naturalization to a married woman.

3. A woman, notwithstanding marriage, shall be competent to apply for and to receive a grant of a certificate of naturalization under the same conditions as a man. 10

Loss of British nationality of a married woman.

4. A woman who is a British subject shall, notwithstanding marriage, cease and be deemed to have ceased to be a British subject under the same conditions as a man and under no others, and the naturalization by marriage under the law of another State shall not be deemed to be naturalization by a voluntary and formal act within the meaning of section thirteen of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Acts, 1914 to 1922 (Imperial), as embodied in the principal Act. 15

Consequential amendments.

5. (1) The First Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting sections ten and eleven of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Acts, 1914 to 1922 (Imperial), as set out in the said Schedule. 20

(2) For the purposes of the principal Act and this Act, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Acts, 1914 to 1922 (Imperial), as embodied in the principal Act, a married woman shall not be deemed to be under a disability, and the definition of the term "disability" as set out in the First Schedule to the principal Act shall be modified accordingly. 25 30