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THOMAS ADOPTION DISCHARGE

[PRIVATE]

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to discharge an adoption order made on the seventeenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, in favour of Charles Frank Thomas, formerly of Havelock North, company manager, now deceased, and Aileen Maud Thomas, his wife, as adopting parents of Heather Colleen Thomas

WHEREAS by adoption order made by the Magistrate's Court at Hastings on the seventeenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, Heather Colleen Thomas, of Hamilton, clerk, was legally adopted by Charles Frank Thomas, of Havelock North, company manager, now deceased, and Aileen Maud Thomas, his wife: And whereas the said Heather Colleen Thomas is desirous of marrying Barry Canavan Thomas, of Hamilton, clerk, a natural son of the said Charles Frank Thomas and Aileen Maud Thomas: And whereas, while the said adoption order remains in force, the said intended marriage is by virtue of the provisions of the Adoption Act 1955 within the degrees of prohibited relationship set out in the Marriage Act 1955: And whereas no legal grounds exist for obtaining a discharge of the said adoption order pursuant to the provisions of the Adoption Act 1955:

No. 78—1

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Thomas Adoption Discharge Act 1961. 5

2. Discharge of adoption order—The adoption order made by the Magistrate's Court at Hastings on the seventeenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, in favour of Charles Frank Thomas and Aileen Maud Thomas as adopting parents of Heather Colleen Thomas is hereby discharged 10 and it is hereby declared that the legal effects and incidents of such discharge shall be the same as if such discharge had been granted by a Court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of section 20 of the Adoption Act 1955.

3. Private Act—This Act is hereby declared to be a private 15 Act.