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An Act to amend the *Duties Act 1999*

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*Notified under the Legislation Act 2001 on 23 May 2002  
(see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au))*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

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**1 Name of Act**

This Act is the *Duties (Personal Relationship Agreements) Amendment Act 2002*.

**2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

*Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 75).

**3 Act amended**

This Act amends the *Duties Act 1999*.

**4 No double duty  
New section 17 (7)**

*insert*

(7) This section does not apply to a financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, 90C or 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act, or to a domestic relationship agreement or termination agreement under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, if:

- (a) the agreement provides for a transfer of dutiable property; and
- (b) the transfer is not exempt from duty under section 74B (Transfers relating to certain personal relationships).

**5 Transfers related to certain personal relationships  
Section 72, heading**

*substitute*

**72 Transfer to spouse of interest in principal place of residence**

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**6 Section 72 (1)**

*omit*

**7 Section 72 (2)**

*omit*

(2) Duty

*substitute*

Duty

**8 New sections 74A and 74B**

*insert*

**74A Financial and other agreements**

No duty is chargeable under this chapter on—

- (a) a financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, 90C or 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act; or
- (b) a domestic relationship agreement, or a termination agreement, under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*.

**74B Transfers relating to certain personal relationships**

- (1) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a transfer of dutiable property under—
  - (a) an order of a court under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth) or the *Married Persons' Property Act 1986*; or
  - (b) any other order of a court for the distribution of property consequent on the end of the relationship between spouses.
- (2) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a transfer of dutiable property under a financial agreement made under the *Family Law*

*Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, 90C or 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act, if—

- (a) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; and
  - (b) the property is matrimonial property; and
  - (c) the transfer is:
    - (i) to the parties to the marriage, or to either of them; or
    - (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.
- (3) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a transfer of dutiable property under a domestic relationship agreement, or a termination agreement, under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, if—
- (a) the agreement is in writing and signed by each party; and
  - (b) the agreement is endorsed with, or accompanied by, the certificates mentioned in that Act, section 33 (1) (d) for each party; and
- Note* The certificates relate to independent legal advice about the agreement.
- (c) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the end of the domestic relationship between the parties; and
  - (d) the property is relationship property; and
  - (e) the transfer is—
    - (i) to the parties to the relationship, or to either of them; or
    - (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.
- (4) For subsection (2) (a), in deciding whether a transfer is consequent on the irretrievable breakdown of a marriage, the commissioner

must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the marriage to the effect that—

- (a) the party intends to apply for dissolution or annulment of the marriage; or
  - (b) the parties to the marriage have separated, and there is no reasonable likelihood of cohabitation being resumed.
- (5) For subsection (3) (c), in deciding whether a transfer under a domestic relationship agreement is consequent on the end of a relationship, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the relationship to the effect that the relationship has ended.
- (6) Subsections (4) and (5) do not limit the commissioner’s powers under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, section 82 (Power to require information, instruments or records or attendance for examination).
- (7) For this section:

*child* means a person under 18 years old.

**9 Ch 3 transactions—concessional duty  
Section 91 (1) (c) to (f)**

*substitute*

- (c) made by operation of law on the bankruptcy of a person or the winding-up of a company.

**10 New part 3.7**

*insert*

**Part 3.7 Exemptions—chapter 3 transactions**

**115H Exempt transactions relating to certain personal relationships**

- (1) No duty is chargeable on a chapter 3 transaction made under—
  - (a) an order of a court under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth) or the *Married Persons' Property Act 1986*; or
  - (b) any other order of a court for the distribution of property consequent on the end of the relationship between spouses.
- (2) No duty is chargeable on a chapter 3 transaction made under a financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, 90C or 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act, if—
  - (a) the commissioner is satisfied that the transaction is consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; and
  - (b) the property that is the subject of the transaction is matrimonial property; and
  - (c) the parties to the transaction are—
    - (i) the parties to the marriage, or either of them; or
    - (ii) a child or children of either of them, or a trustee for the child or children.
- (3) No duty is chargeable on a chapter 3 transaction made under a domestic relationship agreement, or a termination agreement, under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, if—



- (a) the agreement is in writing and signed by each party; and
- (b) the agreement is endorsed with, or accompanied by, the certificates mentioned in that Act, section 33 (1) (d) for each party; and

*Note* The certificates relate to independent legal advice about the agreement.

- (c) the commissioner is satisfied that the transaction is consequent on the end of the domestic relationship between the parties; and
  - (d) the property that is the subject of the transaction is relationship property; and
  - (e) the parties to the transaction are—
    - (i) the parties to the relationship, or either of them; or
    - (ii) a child or children of either of them, or a trustee for the child or children.
- (4) For subsection (2) (a), in deciding whether a transaction is consequent on the irretrievable breakdown of a marriage, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the marriage to the effect that—
- (a) the party intends to apply for dissolution or annulment of the marriage; or
  - (b) the parties to the marriage have separated, and there is no reasonable likelihood of cohabitation being resumed.
- (5) For subsection (3) (c), in deciding whether a transaction under a domestic relationship agreement is consequent on the end of a relationship, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the relationship to the effect that the relationship has ended.
- (6) Subsections (4) and (5) do not limit the commissioner's powers under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, section 82 (Power to

require information, instruments or records or attendance for examination).

(7) For this section:

*child* means a person under 18 years old.

*Note* For exemptions under pt 3.6, see s 115G.

## **11 Vehicles transferred under certain court orders and agreements**

### **Section 213**

*substitute*

### **213 Vehicle registration transfers relating to certain personal relationships**

- (1) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on an application to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle following a transfer of property in the vehicle to the applicant under—
  - (a) an order of a court under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth) or the *Married Persons' Property Act 1986*; or
  - (b) any other order of a court for the distribution of property consequent on the end of the relationship between spouses.
- (2) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on an application to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle following a transfer of property in the vehicle to the applicant under a financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, 90C or 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act, if—
  - (a) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; and
  - (b) the vehicle is matrimonial property; and
  - (c) the transfer is—

- (i) to the parties to the marriage, or to either of them; or
  - (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.
- (3) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on an application to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle following a transfer of property in the vehicle to the applicant under a domestic relationship agreement, or a termination agreement, under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, if—
  - (a) the agreement is in writing and signed by each party; and
  - (b) the agreement is endorsed with, or accompanied by, the certificates mentioned in that Act, section 33 (1) (d) for each party; and

*Note* The certificates relate to independent legal advice about the agreement.

  - (c) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the end of the relationship between the parties; and
  - (d) the vehicle is relationship property; and
  - (e) the transfer is—
    - (i) to the parties to the relationship, or to either of them; or
    - (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.
- (4) For subsection (2) (a), in deciding whether a transfer is consequent on the irretrievable breakdown of a marriage, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the marriage to the effect that—
  - (a) the party intends to apply for dissolution or annulment of the marriage; or
  - (b) the parties to the marriage have separated, and there is no reasonable likelihood of cohabitation being resumed.

- (5) For subsection (3) (c), in deciding whether a transfer under a domestic relationship agreement is consequent on the end of a relationship, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the relationship to the effect that the relationship has ended.
- (6) Subsections (4) and (5) do not limit the commissioner's powers under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, section 82 (Power to require information, instruments or records or attendance for examination).
- (7) For this section:  
*child* means a person under 18 years old.

## **12 Objections and review of decisions**

### **New section 252 (1) (ca), (cb), (cc) and (cd)**

*insert*

- (ca) under section 74B (2) (a) that a transfer is not consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; or
- (cb) under section 74B (3) (c) that a transfer is not consequent on the end of a domestic relationship; or
- (cc) under section 115H (2) (a) that a transaction is not consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; or
- (cd) under section 115H (3) (c) that a transaction is not consequent on the end of a domestic relationship; or

## **13 New section 252 (1) (oa) and (ob)**

*insert*

- (oa) under section 213 (2) (a) that a transfer is not consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; or
- (ob) under section 213 (3) (c) that a transfer is not consequent on the end of a domestic relationship; or

**14 Section 252 (1)**

*renumber paragraphs when Act next republished under Legislation Act 2001*

**15 Dictionary, new definitions of *marriage* and *matrimonial property***

*insert*

*marriage* includes a void marriage.

*matrimonial property*, of a marriage, means property of the parties to the marriage or of either of them.

**16 Dictionary, new definition of *party***

*insert*

*party*, to a marriage, includes a person who was a party to a marriage that has been dissolved or annulled, in Australia or elsewhere.

**17 Dictionary, new definition of *relationship property***

*insert*

*relationship property*, of a domestic relationship, means property of the parties to the relationship or of either of them.

**Endnote**

**Republications of amended laws**

For the latest republication of amended laws, see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au).

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*[Presentation speech made in Assembly on 9 May 2002]*

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Duties (Personal Relationship Agreements) Amendment Bill 2002 which was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 16 May 2002.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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