



Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934

1934 CHAPTER 41

2 Amendment of Fatal Accidents Acts, 1846 to 1908.

- (1) For the purposes of the Fatal Accidents Acts, 1846 to 1908, a person shall be deemed to be the parent or child of the deceased person notwithstanding that he was only related to him illegitimately or in consequence of adoption ; and accordingly in deducing any relationship which under the provisions of those Acts is included within the meaning of the expressions " parent" and " child," any illegitimate person and any adopted person shall be treated as being, or as having been, the legitimate offspring of his mother and reputed father or, as the case may be, of his adopters.
- (2) In this section the expression " adopted person " means a person who has been adopted, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, in pursuance of an adoption order made under the Adoption of Children Act, 1926, or the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Act, 1930, or the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, and for the purpose of any proceedings under the Fatal Accidents Acts, 1846 to 1908, an extract of, or a certified copy of, any entry in an Adopted Children Register which under subsection (6) of section eleven of the Adoption of Children (Scotland) Act, 1930, or under subsection (5) of section eleven of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, would in Scotland or Northern Ireland, as the case may be, be receivable as evidence of certain facts, shall be receivable as evidence of those facts in England.
- (3) In an action brought under the Fatal Accidents Acts, 1846 to 1908, damages may be awarded in respect of the funeral expenses of the deceased person if such expenses have been incurred by the parties for whose benefit the action is brought.
- (4) This section shall not apply in relation to any action in respect of the death of any person before the commencement of this Act.