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# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 15 **E+W+N.I.**

#### FAMILY PROPERTY

PROSPECTIVE

#### **198 Abolition of husband's duty to maintain wife **E+W****

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)