



# Domestic and Appellate Proceedings (Restriction of Publicity) Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 63

### 2 **Restriction of publicity for legitimacy proceedings, etc., and certain proceedings by a wife for maintenance.**

(1) The following provisions of this section shall have effect with a view to preventing or restricting publicity for—

[<sup>F1</sup>(a) proceedings under section 39 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1965 (which relates to declarations of legitimacy and the like), including any proceedings begun before the commencement of that Act and carried on under that section; and]

(b) proceedings under section 22 of that Act (which relates to proceedings by a wife against her husband for maintenance), including any proceedings begun before the said commencement and carried on under that section and any proceedings for the discharge or variation of an order made or deemed to have been made under that section or for the temporary suspension of any provision of any such order or the revival of the operation of any provision so suspended. . . . <sup>F2</sup>

[<sup>F3</sup>(c) proceedings under section 27 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (which relates to proceedings by a wife against her husband, or by a husband against his wife, for financial provision) and any proceedings for the discharge or variation of an order made under that section or for the temporary suspension of any provision of any such order or the revival of the operation of any provision so suspended].

[<sup>F4</sup>(d) proceedings under Part III of the Family Law Act 1986]

[<sup>F5</sup>(da) proceedings under Part 9 of Schedule 5 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (provision corresponding to the provision referred to in paragraph (c) above);

(db) proceedings under section 58 of the 2004 Act (declarations as to subsistence etc. of civil partnership); ]

<sup>F6</sup>(e) .....

(2) ..... <sup>F7</sup>

**Changes to legislation:** Domestic and Appellate Proceedings (Restriction of Publicity) Act 1968, Section 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 06 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- (3) Section 1(1)(b) of the <sup>M1</sup>Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Act 1926 (which restricts the reporting of matrimonial causes) shall extend to any such proceedings as are mentioned in subsection (1) above subject, in the case of the proceedings mentioned in [<sup>F8</sup>subsection (1)(a)][<sup>F8</sup>subsection (1)(d) [<sup>F9</sup>or (db)]<sup>F10</sup>. . .] above, to the modification that the matters allowed to be printed or published by virtue of sub-paragraph (ii) of the said section 1(1)(b) shall be particulars of the declaration sought by a petition (instead of a concise statement of the charges, defences and countercharges in support of which evidence has been given).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2(1)(a) repealed (E.W.) by Family Law Act 1986 (c. 55, SIF 49:3), ss. 68(1)(2), Sch. 1 para. 9(a), **Sch. 2**
- F2** Word “and” inserted by Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act 1970 (c. 45, SIF 49:5), s. 42, **Sch. 2 para. 3** and that insertion fell by reason of the repeal of the inserting provision by Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18, SIF 49:1), s. 54(1)(b), **Sch. 3** (the said word “and” was also expressed to be repealed (E.W.) by Family Law Reform Act 1987 (c. 42, SIF 49:7), s. 33(1), Sch. 2 para. 19(a), Sch. 3 paras. 1, 6
- F3** S. 2(1)(c) substituted by Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18, SIF 49:1), s. 54(1), **Sch. 2 para. 7(1)** for the paragraph s. 2(1)(c) inserted (E.W.) by Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act 1970 (c. 45, SIF 49:5), s. 42, **Sch. 2 para. 3**
- F4** S. 2(1)(d) inserted (E.W.) by Family Law Act 1986 (c. 55, 49:3), s. 68(1), **Sch. 1 para. 9(a)**
- F5** S. 2(1)(da)(db) inserted (5.12.2005) by Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), s. 263(10)(b), **Sch. 27 para. 29(2)**; S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)
- F6** S. 2(1)(e) repealed (1.4.2001) by 2000 c. 19, s. 85, **Sch. 9 Pt. IX** (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2001/774, **art. 2(d)**
- F7** S. 2(2) repealed by Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18), Sch. 2 para. 7(1), **Sch. 3**
- F8** “Subsection (1)(d) or (e)” substituted (E.W.) for “subsection 1(a)” by virtue of Family Law Act 1986 (c. 55, SIF 49:3), s. 68(1), **Sch. 1 para. 9(b)** and Family Law Reform Act 1987 (c. 42, SIF 49:7), s. 33(1), Sch. 2 para. 19(b), Sch. 3 paras. 1, 6
- F9** Words in s. 2(3) inserted (5.12.2005) by Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), s. 263(10)(b), **Sch. 27 para. 29(3)**; S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)
- F10** Words in s. 2(3) repealed (1.4.2001) by 2000 c. 19, s. 85, **Sch. 9 Pt. IX** (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2001/774, **art. 2(d)**

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1926 c. 61.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 2(1)(b) repealed by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 10](#)