

THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1970

No. 44



of 1970

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT, 1967, BY SUBSTITUTING FOR THE EXPRESSION "BRITISH SUBJECT" THE EXPRESSION "CITIZEN OF A COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY" AND BY PROVIDING FOR THE ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT AS ATTORNEYS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE SERVED UNDER ARTICLES IN CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Date of Assent: 12.11.1970.

Date of Commencement: 25.11.70.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 1970.

Amendment of Section 2 of Act No. 34 of 1967

2. Section 2 of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1967 (hereinafter referred to as the principal law), is amended by the deletion of the definition of "British subject" and the substitution therefor of the following definition —

““citizen of a Commonwealth country” means a person who in terms of section 28 of the Constitution has the status of a Commonwealth citizen and includes a British protected person;”.

Amendment of sections 8, 9, 11, 14 and 30 of Act No. 34 of 1967

3. Sections 8, 9, 11, 14 and 30 of the principal law are amended by the deletion of "British subject" wherever that expression occurs and the substitution therefor of "citizen of a Commonwealth country".

Amendment of section 9 of Act No. 34 of 1967

4. Section 9 of the principal law is amended by the addition of the following paragraph —

“(e) any Botswana citizen or citizen of a Commonwealth country who has —

(i) in the manner and for the term prescribed by law in any of the following countries, namely England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Republic of South Africa or Southern Rhodesia, entered into articles and served thereunder in such country a solicitor or attorney qualified and entitled according to the law of such country to have such citizen as his clerk; and

(ii) passed the examination referred to in paragraph (d).”

Passed by the National Assembly this day, the 29th October, 1970.

G.T. MATENGE,
Clerk of the National Assembly