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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Family Law Act*, Cap. 214 and the *Family Law Rules, 1982* (S.I.1982 No.18) in order to confer certain functions on the Master of the High Court.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of enactments in Schedule

SCHEDULE

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend certain enactments relating to family law.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2019*.

Amendment of enactments in Schedule

2. *The enactments set out in column 1 of the Schedule are amended in the respects set out opposite thereto in column 2 of the Schedule.*

SCHEDULE

(Section 2)

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Column 1	Column 2
<i>Enactments</i>	<i>Amendments</i>
1. <i>Family Law Act, Cap. 214</i>	<p>1. In section 2, insert the following definition in its appropriate alphabetical order:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Master" has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the <i>Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Cap. 117A</i>;"</p> <p>2. In section 98</p> <p>(a) by deleting the word "and" appearing at the end of subsection (2)(i); and</p> <p>(b) by inserting therein immediately after that subparagraph the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"(j) the power, authority and jurisdiction of the Master;" and</p> <p>(c) by renumbering the existing paragraph (j) as paragraph (k).</p>

Schedule - (Concl'd)

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS - (Concl'd)

Column 1

Column 2

Enactments

Amendments

2. *Family Law Rules, 1982*
(S.I. 1982 No. 18)

Immediately after rule 87 insert the following new rule:

Power of Master

"87A. (1) The Master has the power to grant an order under section 27 of the Act in an uncontested application for the dissolution of a marriage.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1), the Master is hereby authorised to transact all such business and exercise all such jurisdiction as may be transacted or exercised by a judge in chambers."

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2019.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this _____ day of
, 2019.

President