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## NOTIFICATION

No. DCA/R-25/79/10, the 31st May, 1980. In pursuance of paragraph 11 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the following Act made by the Pawi District Council under paragraph 3 of the said Schedule and assented to by the Administrator of Mizoram is hereby published for general information.

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Pawi District Council Act No. 1 of 1980

The Pawi Autonomous District (Marriage and Divorce) Act, 1980.

### AN ACT

to provide for the registration of marriage and divorce and to regulate ancillary matters.

Preamble:— Whereas it is expedient to provide for the registration of marriage and divorce and to regulate ancillary matters including payment of marriage prices;

Be it enacted in the Thirty-first year of the Republic of India as follows:—

#### 1. SHORT TITLE, EXTENT AND COMMENCEMENT:—

- 1) This Act may be called the Pawi Autonomous District (Marriage and Divorce) Act, 1980.
- 2) It extends to the whole of the Pawi Autonomous District.
- 3) It shall come into force at once.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS:— In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires;

- a) "District Council" means the Pawi Autonomous District Council;
- b) "Divorce" means an act of dissolution of a marriage according to the existing Customary Laws;

- c) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Pawi Autonomous District Council;
- d) "Marriage" means a contract by which a man and a woman becomes husband and wife according to the existing Customary Laws;
- e) "Village Council" means a Village Council constituted under the provisions of the Pawi Autonomous District Council (Village Councils) Act, 1974.

### 3. VILLAGE COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN REGISTER OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE:—

Each Village Council shall maintain a register of marriage and divorce as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee and record in such register, all the details of each marriage and divorce performed within its jurisdiction. The Village Council shall also furnish all such details to the District Council.

### 4. District Council to maintain General Register Marriage AND DIVORCE:—

There shall be a General Register of Marriage and Divorce in the Office of the District Council and all the details of marriage and divorce when received from the Village Councils shall be entered therein.

### 5. REGISTRATION FEE:— Every bridegroom shall have to pay a registration fee of Rs 5/- to the District Council failing which suits and cases relating to marriage and divorce filed by any interested party shall not be entertained in any of the Courts of the District Council.

### 6. POWER TO MAKE RULES:— The District Council, may with previous approval of the Administrator of Mizoram, make rules to regulate any matter connected with marriage and divorce in accordance with the existing Customary Laws,

### 7. REPEAL AND SAVING:—

- 1) The Pawi-Lakher Autonomous Region (Marriage and Divorce) Act, 1960 (Act No V of 1961) hereinafter referred to as the said Act) is hereby repealed.
- 2) Notwithstanding such repeal, all actions taken, orders made or Directions given under the provisions of the said Act shall be deemed to be taken, made or given under the respective provisions of this Act and subsequent actions, if any, with regard to any action, order or direction, shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Act.