

Act No. 372 of June, 1989

THE DANISH REGISTERED PARTNERSHIP

WE MARGRETHE THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Denmark, do make know that:

The Danish Folketing has passed the following Act which has received the Royal Assent:

1. Two persons of the same sex may have their partnership registered.

Registration

2. Part I, sections 12 and 13 and clause 1 of section 13 of the Danish Marriage (Formation and Dissolution) Act shall apply similarly to the registration of partnership, cf. subsection 2 of this section.

A partnership may only be registered provided both or one of the parties has his permanent residence in Denmark and is of Danish nationality.

The rules governing the procedure of registration of a partnership, including the examination of the conditions for registration, shall be laid down by the Minister of Justice.

Legal Effects

3. Subject to the exceptions of section 4, the registration of a partnership shall have the same legal effects as the contracting of marriage.

The Provisions of Danish law pertaining to marriage and spouses shall apply similarly to registered partnership and registered partners.

4. The provisions of the Danish Adoption Act regarding spouses shall not apply to registered partners.

Clause 3 of section 13 and section 15 of the Danish Legal Incapacity and Guardianship Act regarding spouses shall not apply to registered partners.

Provisions of Danish law containing special rules pertaining to one of the parties to a marriage determined by the sex of that person shall not apply to registered partners.

Provisions of international treaties shall not apply to registered partnership unless the other contracting parties agree to such application.

Dissolution

5. Parts 3, 4 and 5 of the Danish Marriage (Formation and Dissolution) Act and Part 42 of the Danish Administration of Justice Act shall apply similarly to the dissolution of a registered partnership, cf. subsections 2 and 3 of this section.

Section 46 of the Danish Marriage (Formation and Dissolution) Act shall not apply to the dissolution of a registered partnership.

Irrespective of section 448 c of the Danish Administration of Justice Act a registered partnership may always be dissolved in this country.

Commencement etc.

6. This Act shall come into force on October 1, 1989.

7. This Act shall not apply to the Faroe Islands nor to Greenland but may be made applicable by Royal Order to these parts of the country with such modifications as are required by the special Faroese and Greenlandic conditions.

Given at Christiansborg Castle, this Seventh Day of June, 1989.

Under Our Royal Hand and Seal

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