



# **MAINTENANCE OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) ACT 1989**

**NO. 11 OF 1989**

## **AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINTENANCE OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN ACT**

I assent,  
TAUFA'AHAU TUPOU IV  
18th October, 1989

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the King and the Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the  
Legislature of the Kingdom as follows:

1.
  - (1) This Act may be cited as the Maintenance of Illegitimate Children (Amendment) Act 1989.
  - (2) The Maintenance of Illegitimate Children Act (Cap.30 [1988 Ed]), as amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) thereof and inserting the following in its stead:
  - “(2) The magistrate hearing the complaint on being satisfied of the truth thereof may make an order —
    - (a) adjudging the defendant to be the father of the child; and

- (b) direct that the defendant's name be entered in the register as the father of the child.”
- 3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately at the end of subsection (2) thereof the following —
  - “The defendant's name shall be entered in the register as the father when the birth of such child is registered.”

Passed in the Legislative Assembly this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1989