## Queensland



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## LAW REFORM ACT 1995

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 1 April 2003]

An Act to abolish the rule of common employment, to consolidate provisions reforming the law and to make provision for other reforms, and for other purposes

## **PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Law Reform Act 1995.

## 2 Act is, in part, a consolidation

- (1) This Act, as in force at the commencement of this section, is, in part, a consolidation of provisions of the Law Reform (Abolition of the Rule of Common Employment) Act 1951 (the "existing provisions") and provisions relocated from the following Acts (the "relocated provisions")—
  - Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels) Act 1952
  - Law Reform (Husband and Wife) Act 1968
  - Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973.
- (2) The Act is also a consolidation of provisions of the law about the age of majority and the legal capacity of persons whose relationship is husband and wife.
- (3) To remove any doubt, it is declared that the relocated provisions were not re-enacted by the *Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1995*, but merely moved (without re-enactment) from the Acts in which they were enacted to this Act.

- (4) Without limiting subsections (1) and (3) and to further remove any doubt, it is also declared that the relocation to this Act of the relocated provisions did not impliedly repeal or amend, or otherwise affect the operation of, the existing provisions, the relocated provisions or the provisions of any other law and, in particular, did not affect the meaning or effect that the existing or relocated provisions, or the provisions of the other law, had because of the respective times when they were enacted.
  - (5) In addition, it is declared that the relocation did not—
    - (a) affect any jurisdiction or power of a court or judge; or
    - (b) affect any principle or rule of law or equity; or
    - (c) affect any right, privilege or liability; or
    - (d) revive anything not existing or in force.

# PART 2—ABOLITION OF RULE OF COMMON EMPLOYMENT

## 3 Defence of common employment abolished

- (1) It shall not be a defence to an employer who is sued in respect of any injury or damage caused by the wrongful act, neglect, or default of a person employed by him or her, that that person was at the time the injury or damage was caused in common employment with the person suffering that injury or damage.
- (2) Any provision contained in a contract of service or apprenticeship, or in an agreement collateral thereto (including a contract or agreement entered into before the commencement of this section), shall be void in so far as it would have the effect of excluding or limiting any liability of the employer in respect of personal injuries caused to the person employed or apprenticed by the wrongful act, neglect, or default of any persons in common employment with him or her.

## 4 Application to Crown

This part binds the Crown and instrumentalities of the Crown.

# PART 3—TORTFEASORS CONTRIBUTION AND CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE

### Division 1—Interpretation

## 5 Definitions for pt 3

In this part—

**"court"** means, in relation to any claim, the court or arbitrator by or before whom the claim falls to be determined.

"damage" includes loss of life and personal injury.

"dependant" means any person for whose benefit an action could be brought under the *Supreme Court Act 1995*, section 17.1

"wrong" means an act or omission that—

- (a) gives rise to a liability in tort for which a defence of contributory negligence is available at common law; or
- (b) amounts to a breach of a contractual duty of care that is concurrent and coextensive with a duty of care in tort.

## Division 2—Proceedings against, and contribution between, tortfeasors

# 6 Proceedings against, and contribution between, joint and several tortfeasors

Where damage is suffered by any person as a result of a tort (whether a crime or not)—

- (a) judgment recovered against any tortfeasor liable in respect of that damage shall not be a bar to an action against any other person who would, if sued, have been liable as a joint tortfeasor in respect of the same damage;
- (b) if more than 1 action is brought in respect of that damage by or on behalf of the person by whom it was suffered, or for the benefit of the estate, or of the spouse, parent, or child of that

<sup>1</sup> Supreme Court Act 1995, section 17 (Liability for death caused wrongfully)

person, against tortfeasors liable in respect of the damage (whether as joint tortfeasors or otherwise)—the sums recoverable under the judgments given in those actions by way of damages shall not in the aggregate exceed the amount of the damages awarded by the judgment first given; and in any of those actions, other than that in which judgment is first given, the plaintiff shall not be entitled to costs unless the court is of opinion that there was reasonable ground for bringing the action;

(c) any tortfeasor liable in respect of that damage may recover contribution from any other tortfeasor who is, or would if sued have been, liable in respect of the same damage, whether as a joint tortfeasor or otherwise, so, however, that no person shall be entitled to recover contribution under this section from any person entitled to be indemnified by the person in respect of the liability in respect of which the contribution is sought.

### 7 Amount of contribution and power of the court

In any proceedings for contribution under this division the amount of the contribution recoverable from any person shall be such as may be found by the court to be just and equitable having regard to the extent of that person's responsibility for the damage; and the court shall have power to exempt any person from liability to make contribution, or to direct that the contribution to be recovered from any person shall amount to a complete indemnity.

### 8 Additional definitions for div 2

In this division—

"child" see Supreme Court Act 1995 (the "1995 Act"), part 4.2

## "judgment first given" means—

- (a) for a judgment reversed on appeal—the first judgment given that is not later reversed on appeal; or
- (b) for a judgment varied on appeal—the judgment as varied.

"parent" see the 1995 Act, part 4.

<sup>2</sup> Supreme Court Act 1995, part 4 (Provisions from Common Law Practice Act 1867)

"spouse" has the meaning given by section 18 of the 1995 Act and includes a spouse as provided for under section 303 of that Act.

### 9 Application of division

- (1) This division does not—
  - (a) apply to a tort committed before 12 January 1953;<sup>3</sup> or
  - (b) affect a criminal prosecution against a person; or
  - (c) render enforceable an agreement for indemnity that would not otherwise have been enforceable.
- (2) However, subsection (1)(c) does not apply to a claim for contribution or any liability arising from that claim if—
  - (a) the Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels) Act 1952, repealed section 7, would have applied to the claim apart from its repeal; and
  - (b) the act or omission giving rise to the claim happened before 1 June 1968.<sup>4</sup>

## Division 3—Contributory negligence

## 10 Apportionment of liability in case of contributory negligence

- (1) If a person (the "claimant") suffers damage partly because of the claimant's failure to take reasonable care ("contributory negligence") and partly because of the wrong of someone else—
  - (a) a claim in relation to the damage is not defeated because of the claimant's contributory negligence; and
  - (b) the damages recoverable for the wrong are to be reduced to the extent the court considers just and equitable having regard to the claimant's share in the responsibility for the damage.

<sup>3</sup> This is the commencement date of the Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels) Act 1952.

<sup>4</sup> This is the commencement date of the Law Reform (Husband and Wife) Act 1968.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not operate to defeat any defence arising under a contract.
- (2A) If a contract or enactment providing for the limitation of liability applies to the claim, the amount of damages recoverable by the claimant because of subsection (1) is not to exceed the maximum limit applying to the claim.
- (3) Where damages are recoverable by any person by virtue of subsection (1) subject to such reduction as is therein mentioned, the court shall find and record the total damages which would have been recoverable if the claimant had not been guilty of contributory negligence.
- (4) Division 2 shall apply in any case where 2 or more persons are liable or would, if they had all been sued, be liable by virtue of subsection (1) in respect of the damage suffered by any person.
- (5) Where any person dies as the result partly of his or her own failure to take reasonable care and partly of the wrong of any other person or persons, and accordingly if an action were brought for the benefit of the estate under the *Succession Act 1981*, section 66<sup>5</sup> the damages recoverable would be reduced under subsection (1), any damages recoverable in an action brought for the benefit of the dependants of that person under the *Supreme Court Act 1995*, section 17 shall be reduced to a proportionate extent.
- (6) Where, in any case to which subsection (1) applies, one of the persons responsible for the damage avoids liability to any other such person or the person's personal representative by pleading the *Limitation of Actions Act 1974* or another Act limiting the time within which proceedings may be taken, the person shall not be entitled to recover any damages or contributions from that other person or representative by virtue of the said subsection.
- (7) Where any case to which subsection (1) applies is tried with a jury, the jury shall determine the total damages which would have been recoverable if the claimant had not been guilty of contributory negligence and the extent to which those damages are to be reduced.

<sup>5</sup> Succession Act 1981, section 66 (Survival of actions)

### 11 Application of division

This division does not apply to a case if the acts or omissions giving rise to the claim happened before 12 January 1953.<sup>6</sup>

# PART 4—CIVIL REMEDIES BETWEEN PERSONS WHOSE RELATIONSHIP IS HUSBAND AND WIFE

#### 12 Actions in tort between husband and wife

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, each of the parties to a marriage shall have the like right of action in tort against the other as if they were not married.
- (2) Where an action in tort is brought by one of the parties to a marriage against the other during the subsistence of the marriage, the court may stay the action if it appears that no substantial benefit would accrue to either party from the continuation of the proceedings.
  - (3) In subsection (1)—

"parties to a marriage" includes reference to persons who were parties to a marriage that has been annulled or dissolved.

## 13 Wife's remedy for loss or impairment of consortium

- (1) Where a person causes injury to another by wrongful act, neglect or default, whether or not the injury results in death, the person shall be liable in damages to the wife of the injured person for loss or injury suffered by her as a result of the loss or impairment of the consortium of husband and wife.
- (2) The damages shall be assessed in the same manner as upon a claim by a husband for damages in tort in respect of loss or impairment of consortium.

<sup>6</sup> This is the commencement date of the Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels) Act 1952.

### 14 Application of part

This part shall not be construed to confer a right of action in respect of a wrongful act, neglect or default that occurred—

- (a) before 1 June 1968, where the application of section 12 is in question;
- (b) before 1 January 1985, where the application of section 13 is in question.

### PART 5—VOLUNTARY AID IN EMERGENCY

### 15 Definitions for pt 5

In this part—

- **"injured person"** includes a person suffering or apparently suffering from an illness.
- **"medical practitioner"** includes a person registered under a law of another State that provides for the same matter as the *Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001* or a provision of that Act.
- "nurse" means a person registered as a nurse under the *Nursing Act 1992* or a corresponding law of another State or a Territory.

# 16 Protection of medical practitioners and nurses and other prescribed persons

Liability at law shall not attach to a medical practitioner, nurse or other person prescribed under a regulation in respect of an act done or omitted in the course of rendering medical care, aid or assistance to an injured person in circumstances of emergency—

- (a) at or near the scene of the incident or other occurrence constituting the emergency;
- (b) while the injured person is being transported from the scene of the incident or other occurrence constituting the emergency to a hospital or other place at which adequate medical care is available:

if—

- (c) the act is done or omitted in good faith and without gross negligence; and
- (d) the services are performed without fee or reward or expectation of fee or reward.

### PART 6—AGE OF MAJORITY

### 17 What is age of majority

The age of majority is 18 years.

# PART 7—LEGAL CAPACITY OF PERSONS WHOSE RELATIONSHIP IS HUSBAND AND WIFE

## 18 Capacity

- (1) A married person has a legal personality that is independent, separate and distinct from the legal personality of the person's husband or wife.
- (2) A married person has the same legal capacity that the person would have if the person were unmarried.

### PART 8—ATTACHMENT OF WAGES

## 18A Wages of public service employees may be attached

(1) A court may, in a proceeding, order the attachment or charging of the salary or wages of a public service employee or other employee of the State to satisfy a debt, liability, action or other amount ordered by the court to be paid.

- (2) Also, the registrar of a court may order the attachment or charging of the salary or wages of a public service employee or other employee of the State to satisfy a debt, liability, action or other amount ordered by the court to be paid.
- (3) This section has effect despite any other Act or rule of law to the contrary.

#### PART 9—MISCELLANEOUS

### 19 Regulation-making power

The Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act.

### 20 References to certain Acts and provisions

- (1) In an Act or document, a reference to any of the following Acts may, if the context permits, be taken to be a reference to this Act, and a reference (whether express or implied) to a provision of any of the following Acts that was located to this Act may, if the context permits, be taken to be a reference to the corresponding provision of this Act—
  - Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels) Act 1952
  - Law Reform (Husband and Wife) Act 1968
  - Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973.
- (2) In an Act or document, a reference to the *Law Reform (Abolition of the Rule of Common Employment) Act 1951* is a reference to this Act.

## PART 10—TRANSITIONAL PROVISION FOR LAW REFORM (CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE) AMENDMENT ACT 2001

# 21 Amendments about contributory negligence to have retrospective effect

- (1) The provisions of part 3, divisions 1 and 3 apply to a wrong that happened before the commencement as if the provisions, in their form as amended by the amending Act, had been in force when the wrong happened.
- (2) However, the provisions, as in force before the commencement, continue to apply to a wrong if any of the following apply—
  - (a) the wrong relates to a WorkCover damages injury sustained before 1 July 2001 for which final relief has not been granted by a court before the commencement;
  - (b) a proceeding about the wrong—
    - (i) was started before the commencement; and
    - (ii) final relief has not been granted by the court before the commencement;
  - (c) a court has, before the commencement, granted final relief for the wrong;
  - (d) the persons responsible for the damage have, before the commencement, entered into an agreement to settle claims arising from the wrong, including an agreement about liability only.
- (3) Subsection (2)(a) applies whether or not a proceeding has been started about the wrong.
- (4) For a proceeding for subsection (2)(a) or (b), any rule, regulation or other law that would have been applicable to the proceeding had the amending Act not been enacted continues to apply to the proceeding as if the amending Act had not been enacted.
  - (5) In this section—
- "amending Act" means the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence)
  Amendment Act 2001.

<sup>&</sup>quot;commencement" means the commencement of this section.

- **"final relief"**, for a wrong, means a judgment or decision about the wrong, including a judgment or decision about liability only, whether or not an appeal has been made against the judgment or decision.
- "proceeding" means a proceeding before a court.
- **"WorkCover damages injury"** means an injury within the meaning of the *WorkCover Queensland Act 1996* for which the injured person has an entitlement to damages under that Act.

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## 2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 1 April 2003. Future amendments of the Law Reform Act 1995 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

### 3 Law Reform Act 1995—historical context

The Law Reform Act 1995 was not enacted in 1995. It is a consolidation (see s 2) of provisions of the Law Reform (Abolition of the Rule of Common Employment) Act 1951 and provisions relocated from the following Acts—

- Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels) Act 1952
- Law Reform (Husband and Wife) Act 1968
- Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973.

## 4 Key

#### Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

Key		Explanation	Key		Explanation
AIA	=	Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	=	previously
amd	=	amended	proc	=	proclamation
amdt	=	amendment	prov	=	provision
ch	=	chapter	pt	=	part
def	=	definition	pubd	=	published
div	=	division	R[X]	=	Reprint No.[X]
exp	=	expires/expired	RA	=	Reprints Act 1992
gaz	=	gazette	reloc	=	relocated
hdg	=	heading	renum	=	renumbered
ins	=	inserted	rep	=	repealed
lap	=	lapsed	(retro)	=	retrospectively
notfd	=	notified	rv	=	revised edition
o in c	=	order in council	S	=	section
om	=	omitted	sch	=	schedule
orig	=	original	sdiv	=	subdivision
p	=	page	SIA	=	Statutory Instruments Act 1992
para	=	paragraph	SIR	=	<b>Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002</b>
prec	=	preceding	$\mathbf{SL}$	=	subordinate legislation
pres	=	present	sub	=	substituted
prev	=	previous	unnum	=	unnumbered

## 5 Table of reprints

Reprints are issued for both future and past effective dates. For the most up-to-date table of reprints, see the reprint with the latest effective date.

If a reprint number includes a letter of the alphabet, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.

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### Law Reform (Abolition of the Rule of Common Employment) Act 1951

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No.			
1	none	22 November 1951	22 May 1995

#### Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels) Act 1952

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1	to 1994 Act No. 85	17 October 1992	9 December 1994

#### **Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973**

Reprint	Amendments included	Effective	Reprint date
No.			
1	none	25 October 1973	16 December 1994

#### 6 Tables in earlier reprints

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## Law Reform Act 1995 (prev Law Reform (Abolition of the Rule of Common Employment) Act 1951 15 Geo 6 No. 41)

**Note**— This Act contains provisions that were relocated to this Act from other Acts (see endnote 3). A list of legislation for each of the relocated Acts appears below.

amending legislation-

### Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1995 No. 58 ss 1-2, 4 sch 1

date of assent 28 November 1995 commenced on date of assent

## List of legislation to Law Reform (Abolition of the Rule of Common Employment) Act 1951 15 Geo 6 No. 41—before relocation to Law Reform Act 1995

#### Law Reform (Abolition of the Rule of Common Employment) Act 1951 15 Geo 6 No. 41

date of assent 22 November 1951 commenced on date of assent amending legislation—

#### Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1995 No. 58 ss 1-2, 4 sch 1

date of assent 28 November 1995 commenced on date of assent

#### List of legislation to Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels) Act 1952 1 Eliz 2 No. 42—before relocation to Law Reform Act 1995

## Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels) Act 1952 1 Eliz 2 No. 42

date of assent 4 December 1952 commenced 12 January 1953 (proc pubd gaz 10 January 1953 p 223) amending legislation—

#### Law Reform (Husband and Wife) Act 1968 No. 15 s 5 sch

date of assent 19 April 1968 commenced 1 June 1968 (proc pubd gaz 25 May 1968 p 510)

#### Property Law Act 1974 No. 76 s 3(2) sch 6 pt 3

date of assent 1 November 1974 commenced 1 December 1975 (see s 1(2))

## Common Law Practice and Workers' Compensation Amendment Act 1994 No. 85 ss 1-2, 12 sch

date of assent 2 December 1994 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent remaining provisions commenced 17 October 1992 (see s 2)

#### Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1995 No. 58 ss 1-2, 4 sch 1

date of assent 28 November 1995 commenced on date of assent

## List of legislation to Law Reform (Husband and Wife) Act 1968 No. 15—before relocation to Law Reform Act 1995

#### Law Reform (Husband and Wife) Act 1968 No. 15

date of assent 19 April 1968 commenced 1 June 1968 (proc pubd gaz 25 May 1968 p 510) amending legislation—

#### Law Reform (Husband and Wife) Act Amendment Act 1989 No. 81

date of assent 18 September 1989 commenced on date of assent

#### Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1995 No. 58 ss 1-2, 4 sch 1

date of assent 28 November 1995 commenced on date of assent

## List of legislation to Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973 No. 56—before relocation to Law Reform Act 1995

#### Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973 No. 56

date of assent 25 October 1973 commenced on date of assent amending legislation—

#### Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1995 No. 58 ss 1–2, 4 sch 1

date of assent 28 November 1995 commenced on date of assent

List of legislation to Law Reform Act 1995 (prev Law Reform (Abolition of the Rule of Common Employment) Act 1951)—after relocation of Law Reform (Tortfeasors Contribution, Contributory Negligence, and Division of Chattels Act 1952, Law Reform (Husband and Wife) Act 1968 and Voluntary Aid in Emergency Act 1973

## Law Reform Act 1995 (prev Law Reform (Abolition of the Rule of Common Employment) Act 1951 15 Geo 6 No. 41)

amending legislation—

#### Justice Legislation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1996 No. 79 pts 1, 20

date of assent 12 December 1996 pt 1 commenced on date of assent remaining provisions commenced 28 November 1995 (see s 64(2))

## Justice and Other Legislation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1997 No. 82 ss 1–3, sch

date of assent 5 December 1997 commenced on date of assent

## Justice and Other Legislation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2000 No. $58 \ ss \ 1-2 \ sch$

date of assent 17 November 2000 commenced on date of assent

#### Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001 No. 7 ss 1-2, 302 sch 2

date of assent 11 May 2001 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent remaining provisions commenced 1 March 2002 (2002 SL No. 30)

#### Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Amendment Act 2001 No. 65

date of assent 25 October 2001 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent remaining provisions commenced 7 August 2001 (see s 2)

#### Discrimination Law Amendment Act 2002 No. 74 ss 1-2, 90 sch

date of assent 13 December 2002 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent s 90 commenced 31 March 2003 (2003 SL No. 51) remaining provisions commenced 1 April 2003 (2003 SL No. 51)

#### 8 List of annotations

This reprint has been renumbered—see table of renumbered provisions in endnote 9

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**Long title** amd 1995 No. 58 s 4 sch 1; 1996 No. 79 s 65

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