

MUSLIM INTESTATE SUCCESSION

AN ORDINANCE TO DEFINE THE LAW RELATING TO MUSLIM INTESTATE SUCCESSION AND DONATIONS.

Ordinance Nos,

10 of 1931

[17th June , 1931]

Short title. **1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Muslim Intestate Succession Ordinance.

TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSION AND DONATIONS

Declaration of law relating to intestacy. **2.** It is hereby declared that the law applicable to the intestacy of any deceased Muslim who at the time of his death was domiciled in Sri Lanka or was the owner of any immovable property in Sri Lanka shall be the Muslim law governing the sect to which such deceased Muslim belonged.

Declaration of law relating to donations. **3.** For the purposes of avoiding and removing all doubts it is hereby declared that the law applicable to donations not involving fideicommissa*(*. Abolished by the Abolition of Fideicommissa and Entails Act, No. 20 of 1972.) , usufructs and trusts, and made by Muslims domiciled in Sri Lanka or owning immovable property in Sri Lanka, shall be the Muslim law governing the sect to which the donor belongs:

Provided that no deed of donation shall be deemed to be irrevocable unless it is so stated in the deed, and the delivery of the deed to the donee shall be accepted as evidence of delivery of possession of the movable or the immovable property donated by the deed.

Declaration of to donations by section3 **4.** It is hereby further declared that the principles of law prevailing in the Maritime provinces shall apply to all donations other than those to which the Muslim law is made applicable by section 3.