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AN ACT to make further provision in the law relating to evidence, and for connected purposes.

1 Admissibility, etc, of copies of UK legislation applied with modifications to the Island

Where any provision of any Act of Parliament, or any provision of any instrument of a legislative character made under any Act of Parliament, is applied or extended to the Island (with or without exceptions, adaptations or modifications), a copy of any such provision purporting to be published by or under the authority of the Attorney General shall be admissible in evidence in all courts in the Island and shall, until the contrary is proved, be evidence of the contents thereof.

2 Admissibility, etc, of certain copies of public documents

A copy of any public document purporting to be contained in a Government Circular or Statutory Document or otherwise purporting to have been published or printed by authority shall be admissible in evidence in all courts in the Island and shall, until the contrary is proved, be evidence of the contents thereof.¹

3 Application of sections 1 and 2

Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall apply in relation to copies of provisions of Acts of Parliament or instruments of a legislative character, or of public documents, whether published before or after this Act comes into operation.

4 Annual volumes and volumes of revised edition of the statutes to be admissible in evidence

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Any Act, contained in any annual volume of the statutes or in any volume of the revised edition of the statutes (whether published before or after the commencement of this Act) purporting to be printed by authority shall, until the contrary is proved, be treated as a copy of an Act to which section 17 of the *Evidence Act 1871* (admission in evidence of Acts of Parliament and of Tynwald) applies.

5 [Amends section 2 of the *Evidence Act 1965*.]

6 Saving

Nothing in this Act shall prejudice the provisions of any other enactment relating to the admissibility in evidence, or mode of proof, of any document.

7 Short title and construction and citation

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Evidence Act 1976 and shall be construed as one with the Evidence Acts 1871 to 1965, and those Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Evidence Acts 1871 to 1976.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation when the Royal Assent thereto has been by the Governor announced to Tynwald and a copy thereof has been signed by the Governor and the Speaker of the House of Keys.

ENDNOTES**Table of Legislation History**

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement

Table of Renumbered Provisions

Original	Current

Table of Endnote References

¹ S 2 amended by Statute Law Revision Act 1992 Sch 1.