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AN ACT to make provision about the discharge of the functions of the Attorney General; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Short title

The short title of this Act is the Law Officers Act 2013.

2 Commencement

- (1) This Act, other than section 1 and this section, comes into operation on such day or days as the Council of Ministers may by order appoint.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) may include such incidental and transitional provision as appears to the Council of Ministers to be appropriate.

3 Meaning of “Attorney General”: Interpretation Act 1976, s. 3 amended

- (1) Section 3 of the *Interpretation Act 1976* (interpretation of certain terms) is amended as follows.
- (2) Renumber the existing text as subsection (1) of that section.
- (3) In subsection (1) for the definition of “the Attorney General” substitute—

“the Attorney General” means, subject to subsection (2), Her Majesty’s Attorney General for the Island and includes any person discharging the functions of Her Majesty’s Attorney General by virtue of a warrant under Her Majesty’s Royal Sign Manual; ~~and~~.
- (4) After subsection (1) insert —

- 66(2) The substitution of the definition of “**the Attorney General**” in this section by section 3(3) of the *Law Officers Act 2013* does not limit any existing rule of law or practice authorising others to act on behalf of the Attorney General. 67

4 **Membership of Tynwald and Legislative Council: Isle of Man Constitution Amendment Act 1919, s. 7 amended**

In section 7(a)(1) of the *Isle of Man Constitution Amendment Act 1919* (which concerns *ex-officio* members of the Council) for the words following “the Bishop and” substitute —

68 either —

- (i) the Attorney General; or
- (ii) a person exercising the functions of the Attorney General by virtue of a warrant under Her Majesty’s Royal Sign Manual;

(such members being referred to below as the “*ex-officio* members”). 69

5 **Repeal and expiry**

- (1) The Isle of Man (Constitution) (Amendment) Act 1975 is repealed.
- (2) This Act ceases to have effect on the day following —
 - (a) its promulgation, or
 - (b) if all of its provisions are not in operation when it is promulgated, the day on which the last of those provisions come into operation.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not affect the continuing effect of the amendments made by sections 3 or 4.