



## CHAPTER 144

An Act to change the name of Grace Katherine Reinauer and to confirm an agreement of adoption between her and Grace Wilhelmina Rothwell and Arthur William McMaster, of the City of Westmount

*[Assented to, the 17th of May, 1940]*

WHEREAS Grace Katherine Reinauer, unmarried <sup>Preamble.</sup> woman of full age of the city of Westmount, is the niece of Grace Wilhelmina Rothwell, wife separate as to property of Arthur William McMaster, of the city of Westmount, gentleman, and is the daughter of Otto Reinauer, civil servant, of Dachau, Bavaria, and his wife Mary Elizabeth Rothwell, and was born in the city of Munich in Bavaria on the 13th day of November, 1903; and

Whereas the said Grace Katherine Reinauer has lived with the said Grace Wilhelmina Rothwell and her husband Arthur William McMaster since on or about the 10th day of February, 1924, and has been adopted in fact by them and has since that time been treated by them in all respects as their own daughter; and

Whereas the said Grace Katherine Reinauer was naturalized as a Canadian citizen on the 12th day of February, 1931; and

Whereas the said Grace Katherine Reinauer so as to avoid and remove the inconvenience and embarrassment resulting from the use of her present name which she deems unsuitable desires to have her baptismal name changed to the name of Grace Katherine McMaster for all legal purposes; and

Whereas the said Grace Katherine Reinauer being of the age of majority, the Adoption Act of the Province of Quebec, which is restricted to minors, has no application to her; and

Whereas by agreement, dated at the city of Montreal on the 17th day of October, 1939, the said Grace Katherine Reinauer and the said Grace Wilhelmina Rothwell and her husband Arthur William McMaster entered into a formal agreement by the terms of which they ratified and confirmed the adoption in fact by the said Grace Wilhelmina Rothwell and Arthur William McMaster of the said Grace Katherine Reinauer as their lawful child; and

Whereas the said Grace Katherine Reinauer and the said Grace Wilhelmina Rothwell and her husband Arthur William McMaster desire to have the said agreement of adoption executed between them ratified and confirmed; and

Whereas they have prayed for the passing of an act for such purpose and it is expedient to grant the said prayer;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Name of G.  
K. Reinauer  
changed to  
G. K.  
McMaster.

1. The name of Grace Katherine Reinauer of the city of Westmount, unmarried woman of full age, shall be and it is hereby changed to Grace Katherine McMaster and she shall hereafter be called and known by the latter name and under such name she shall hereafter enjoy, exercise and claim all advantages, benefits, rights and titles which, without such change of name, she would have been entitled to; and all contracts, covenants, agreements, certificates and diplomas made, entered into or acquired by her under the name of Grace Katherine Reinauer shall avail to and be deemed to be entered into or executed by her under the name of Grace Katherine McMaster; and by the latter name she shall recover, have, hold and possess all real and personal property and rights of any kind or nature whatsoever, which she may at present have, hold or possess, or which she may hereafter be capable of holding, recovering or possessing, as fully and to the same extent as if the change of name had not been made.

**2.** All obligations entered into by the said Grace Katherine Reinauer under her said former name shall be binding upon and exigible against her under the latter name of Grace Katherine McMaster hereby authorized, and all suits or actions at law to which she may be a party, pending in any court, shall not be affected by this act but shall be continued to judgment and execution as if this act had not been passed. Obligations, etc., not affected.

**3.** The agreement of adoption between the said Grace Wilhelmina Rothwell, wife separate as to property of Arthur William McMaster, of the city of Westmount, and the said Arthur William McMaster, and the said Grace Katherine Reinauer, executed at the city of Montreal, on the 17th day of October, 1939, is hereby ratified and confirmed to all intents and purposes, and the said Grace Katherine Reinauer and the said Grace Wilhelmina Rothwell and Arthur William McMaster are declared to be subject to the reciprocal obligations and to be entitled to the reciprocal rights and privileges of parent and child according to the law of the Province of Quebec, just as if the said Grace Katherine Reinauer had been the lawful issue of the marriage of the said Grace Wilhelmina Rothwell and her said husband Arthur William McMaster. Validation\* of certain agreement of adoption.

**4.** This act shall not prejudice the rights of third parties nor succession duties which shall be the same as if this act had not been passed. Rights safeguarded.

**5.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

