

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970

Chapter 33

Legal consequences of termination of contract to marry

1 Engagements to marry not enforceable at law

- (1) An agreement between two persons to marry one another shall not under the law of the Abu Dhabi Global Market have effect as a contract giving rise to legal rights and no action shall lie in the Abu Dhabi Global Market for breach of such an agreement, whatever the law applicable to the agreement.

2 Property of engaged couples

- (1) Where an agreement to marry is terminated, any rule of law relating to the rights of husbands and wives in relation to property in which either or both has or have a beneficial interest, shall apply, in relation to any property in which either or both of the parties to the agreement had a beneficial interest while the agreement was in force, as it applies in relation to property in which a husband or wife has a beneficial interest.

3 Gifts between engaged couples

- (1) A party to an agreement to marry who makes a gift of property to the other party to the agreement on the condition (express or implied) that it shall be returned if the agreement is terminated shall not be prevented from recovering the property by reason only of his having terminated the agreement.
- (2) The gift of an engagement ring shall be presumed to be an absolute gift; this presumption may be rebutted by proving that the ring was given on the condition, express or implied, that it should be returned if the marriage did not take place for any reason.

Enticement of spouse, etc

5 Abolition of actions for enticement, seduction and harbouring of spouse or child

No person shall be liable in tort under the law of the Abu Dhabi Global Market—

- (a) to any other person on the ground only of his having induced the wife or husband of that other person to leave or remain apart from the other spouse;
- (b) to a parent (or person standing in the place of a parent) on the ground only of his having deprived the parent (or other person) of the services of his or her child by raping, seducing or enticing that child; or
- (c) to any other person for harbouring the wife or child of that other person.

Supplemental

7 Citation, repeal, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970.