

Relinquishment of Holy Orders Amending Ordinance 2002

Explanatory Statement

Introduction

1. The Relinquishment of Holy Orders Ordinance 1994 (the "Principal Ordinance") allows a person who holds the licence or authority of the Archbishop to request that the person be regarded as having relinquished his or her orders. If the Archbishop accedes to the request the person concerned is regarded as having relinquished his or her holy orders on and from the date of the Archbishop's notice. Thereafter, the person is considered to be a lay person for the purposes of all ordinances, rules and regulations having effect the Diocese, except the Tribunal Ordinance 1962 and the Offences Ordinance 1962.

2. The Principal Ordinance only allows a person who holds the licence or authority of the Archbishop to relinquish his or her orders. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow a person who has held the Archbishop's licence or who resides in the Diocese to also requested that they be regarded as having relinquished their holy orders.

Recommendation

3. Standing Committee recommends that the Synod pass the bill as an ordinance.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

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