

The Danish Act Succession of March 27, 1953

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(Translation)

§1 The throne shall be inherited by the descendants of King Christian X and Queen Alexandrine.

§2 On the death of a King the throne shall pass to his son or daughter, a son taking precedence over a daughter, and where there are several children of the same sex the elder child taking precedence over the younger child. When one of the King's children has died, the issue of the deceased shall take his place in accordance with the lineal descent and the rules laid down in sub-section 1.

§3 On the death of a King who leaves no issue entitled to succeed to the throne, the throne shall pass to his brother or sister, with precedence for the brother. Where the King has one or more brothers, or one or more sisters, or where any of his brothers or sisters have died, the rules of section 2 shall apply correspondingly.

§4 Where there is no person entitled to succeed to the throne under the rules of sections 2 and 3, the throne shall pass to the then nearest collateral line of the descendants of King Christian X and Queen Alexandrine, in accordance with the lineal descent, and with precedence correspondingly for men over women, and for the elder over the younger as laid down in sections 2 and 3.

§5 Only children born of lawful marriage shall have the right of succession. The King shall not marry except with the consent of the Folketing. Should a person entitled to succeed to the throne marry without the consent of the King, given in the Council of State, such person shall forfeit his right of succession to the throne for himself and the children born of the marriage, and for their issue.

§6 The provisions of sections 2-5 shall apply correspondingly in the case of a King's abdication.

§7 This Act shall come into operation simultaneously with the Constitution of the Kingdom of Denmark Act of June 5, 1953.

Given at Christiansborg, this 27nd Day of March, 1953

WITNESS OUR ROYAL HAND AND SEAL

(Signed) FREDERIK R.

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(signed) Erik Eriksen