

# The Act of Succession of March 27, 1953, amended on June 12th, 2009

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(Translation)

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

**§2** (1) Upon the death of a King or a reigning Queen, the throne shall pass to his/her son or daughter, the elder child taking precedence over the younger child.

(2) If one of the King's or reigning Queen's children has died, the issue of the deceased person shall take his/her place according to lineal descent and to the rules laid down in subsection 1.

**§3** If a King or a reigning Queen dies without issue who is entitled to inherit the throne, the brother or sister of the King or reigning Queen shall succeed to the throne. If the King or the reigning Queen has several brothers or sisters or if some of their respective brothers or sisters have died, the rules laid down in section 2 shall apply correspondingly.

**§4** If no person is entitled to succeed to the throne in accordance with the provisions laid down in sections 2 and 3, the throne shall pass to the nearest collateral descendants of King Christian X and Queen Alexandrine according to lineal descent, the elder person taking precedence over the younger in accordance with sections 2 and 3.

**§5** (1) Only children born in lawful wedlock are entitled to succeed to the throne.

(2) The King or the reigning Queen shall not marry without the consent of the Folketing.

(3) If a person who is entitled to succeed to the throne decides to marry without the King's or reigning Queen's consent, which shall be given during a meeting of the Council of State, he/she forfeits his/her right to succeed to the throne and so do his/her children born in lawful wedlock and their issue.

**§6** If a King or a reigning Queen decides to abdicate, the provisions in sections 2-5 shall apply.

**§7** This Act enters into force conjointly with the Constitutional Act of the Kingdom of Denmark of June 5th, 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