



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

# COMMORIENTES ACT

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### CHAPTER C-12

#### 1. Survivorship uncertain, rule for determining

- (1) Where two or more persons die in circumstances rendering it uncertain which of them survived the other or others, such deaths shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3), for all purposes affecting the title to property, be presumed to have occurred in the order of seniority, and accordingly the younger shall be deemed to have survived the older.

#### **Application of Act to *Probate Act* and *Insurance Act***

- (2) The provisions of this section shall be read and construed subject to the provisions of sections 164 and 202 of the *Insurance Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. I-4 and of section 85 of the *Probate Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-21.

#### **Testator and beneficiary dying at same time**

- (3) Where a testator and a person who, if he had survived the testator, would have been a beneficiary of property under the will, die at the same time or in circumstances rendering it uncertain which of them survived the other, and the will contains further provisions for the disposition of the property in case that person had not survived the testator or died at the same time as the testator or in circumstances rendering it uncertain which survived the other, then for the purpose of that disposition the will shall take effect as if that person had not survived the testator or died at the same time as the testator or in circumstances rendering it uncertain which survived the other as the case may be. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-13, s.1; 1975, c.83, s.3.*

#### 2. Uniform construction of Act

This Act shall be so interpreted and construed as to effect its general purpose of making uniform the law of those provinces which enact it. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. C-13, s.2.*