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A BILL

To

Amend the Prior of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance Incorporation Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title

This Ordinance may be cited as the Prior of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance Incorporation (Amendment) Ordinance 2000.

2. Long title amended

The long title to the Prior of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance Incorporation Ordinance (Cap. 1107) is amended by repealing "Prior" and substituting "Abbot".

3. Short title

Section 1 is amended by repealing "Prior" and substituting "Abbot".

4. Incorporation

Section 3 is amended by repealing "Prior" where it twice appears and substituting "Abbot".

5. Succession

Section 5 is amended by repealing "Prior" where it twice appears and substituting "Abbot".

6. Appointment to office of Abbot

Section 6(1) is amended by repealing "Prior" and substituting "Abbot".

7. Use of seal

Section 7 is amended by repealing "Prior" where it twice appears and substituting "Abbot".

Consequential Amendments

Specification of Public Offices

8. Schedule amended

The Schedule to the Specification of Public Offices (Cap. 1 sub. leg.) is amended, in the entry relating to "Chief Secretary for Administration", by repealing "Prior of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance Incorporation Ordinance (Chapter 1107), section 6(2)." and substituting "Abbot of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance Incorporation Ordinance (Chapter 1107), section 6(2).".

9. Saving

Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the Central Authorities or the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

under the Basic Law and other laws, or the rights of any body politic or corporate or of any other persons except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by, from or under them

Explanatory Memorandum

The monastery established by The Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance at Lantau Island was lately upgraded to the status of an abbey as it has grown into a sizeable community from a few in 1950 when it was first established to 20 at present. The title of the Prior of the community is therefore required to be changed to that of the Abbot. The object of this Bill is to amend certain provisions of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance Incorporation Ordinance (Cap. 1107) to give effect to such change of title (clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7).

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