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## BILL.

An Act to amend the Law respecting the  
substitution of affirmations for oaths.

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MR. CLARK.

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An Act to amend the Law respecting the substitution of Affirmations of Oaths.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to afford relief to those persons who have conscientious scruples against taking an oath; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

5 I. In any case, criminal or civil, in which an oath, declaration or affirmation is required by law, or upon any lawful occasion on which the oath by law is administered, any person who is unwilling, from conscientious motives, to be sworn, may, instead of being sworn, make his or her solemn affirmation or declaration, in the words following: An affirmation may be substituted for an oath in any case.

10 "J. A. B. do solemnly, sincerely and truly affirm and declare that the taking of an oath is according to my religious belief unlawful, and I do, sincerely and truly, affirm and declare, &c.," And such affirmation or declaration shall have the same force and effect to all intents and purposes in all courts of law and equity and all other places, as an oath taken in the usual form. Form.  
Effect of affirmation.

15 II. Every person authorised or required to administer an oath for any purpose, is hereby authorized or required to administer such affirmation or declaration. Who may administer.

20 III. The first and second sections of the Act forming chapter 32 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada intituled *An Act respecting witnesses and evidence*, are hereby repealed. Sec. 1, 2, of Cap. 32 of Consolidated Statutes of U.C. repealed.

IV. This Act applies only to Upper Canada. Act limited to U. C.