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I Assent,

Rodney Williams, *Governor-General.*

29th October, 2021.

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ACCREDITATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021

No. 22 of 2021

AN ACT to amend the Accreditation Act, No. 4 of 2006.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Accreditation (Amendment) Act, 2021.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

"principal Act" means the Accreditation Act, No. 4 of 2006.

3. Amendment of section 43

The principal Act is amended by repealing section 43 and replacing it with the following section:

"43. Programmes of study in medicine and other health professions

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(1) No institution that seeks to offer a programme of study in medicine or other health professions in Antigua and Barbuda shall do so without the authorisation of the Minister.

(2) No institution shall be authorised to offer a programme of study in medicine or in other health professions in Antigua and Barbuda unless the programme of study in medicine or in other health professions is accredited by the Authority.

(3) The Minister may, on the advice of the Board, authorise provisionally an institution to offer a programme of study in medicine or in other health professions pending accreditation by the Authority.

(4) A provisional authorisation granted pursuant to subsection (3), shall be revoked if the institution fails to obtain accreditation by the Authority within five years from the date of the provisional authorization.

(5) The Board may accredit provisionally the program of study in medicine or in other health professions offered by an institution and such provisional accreditation shall remain valid for the period of time required by the institution to obtain accreditation by the Authority."

Passed the House of Representatives on the 9th day of September, 2021.

Passed the Senate on the 21st day of September, 2021.

Gerald Watt, Q.C., Speaker. Alincia Williams-Grant, President.

A. Peters, *Clerk to the House of Representatives.* **A. Peters,** *Clerk to the Senate.*