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[L.S.]



I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General.

4th November, 2020.

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AN ACT to amend the Defence Act 2006 to make provision for the unification of the duties of the officers and soldiers of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force and for other connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Defence (Amendment) Act 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, “principal Act” means the Defence Act 2006.

3. Amendment of section 4 – Establishment and maintenance of the Force

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) in paragraph (a) by inserting immediately after the words “a regular Force” the words, “having a land unit, a maritime unit and an air unit;”
- (b) in paragraph (b) by inserting immediately after the words “Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force Reserve” the words, “having a land unit, a maritime unit and an air unit”

4. Amendment of section 5 - Powers of officers, Petty Officers and men of the Coast Guard

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) by deleting the section heading and renaming it as follows:

“5. Powers of officers and soldiers of the Defence Force”

- (b) in subsection (1) by deleting the words “Petty Officer or man” and replacing these with the words “or soldier”;
- (c) in subsection (2) by deleting the words “Petty Officer or man” and replacing it with the word “soldier”.

5. Amendment of the principal Act

The principal Act is amended in the Part heading for Part X by delete the words, “The Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force Coast Guard” and replacing it with the heading “Special Duties of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force”

6. Amendment of section 213 – Special Duties of Coast Guard

Section 213 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) by deleting the section heading and renaming it as follows:

“213. Special duties of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force”

- (b) in subsection (1) by deleting the word “Coast Guard”;
- (c) in subsection (2) by deleting the word “Coast Guard”;
- (d) in subsection (3) by deleting the word “Coast Guard” and replacing these with the words “Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force”

7. Amendment of section 218 – Power of arrest

Section 218 is amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words “Coast Guard” and replacing these with the words “Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force”

Passed the House of Representatives on
the 30th day of July, 2020.

Gerald Watt, Q.C.,
Speaker.

A. Peters,
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate on the 31st day of
July, 2020.

Alicia Williams-Grant,
President.

A. Peters,
Clerk to the Senate.