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I Assent,

James B. Carlisle,  
**Governor-General.**

16th March, 1998.

**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

**No. 1 of 1998**

AN ACT to amend the provisions of certain Acts of Parliament.

[ 19th March, 1998 ]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows —

1. This Act may be cited as the Law Revision (Miscellaneous) (Amendments) Act 1998. Short title.

2. The Medical Benefits Act is amended as follows —

**Amendment of the  
Medical Benefits  
Act, Cap. 271.**

(i) by the deletion of section 3 (1) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following -

(1) There is hereby established a scheme to be called the Medical Benefits Scheme (hereinafter called "the Scheme") under which arrangements shall be made by the Board for the provision of financial or other assistance towards —

- (a) the cost of medical benefits to such class ~~or classes of persons in such circumstances~~ and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by regulation;
- (b) the construction and maintenance of hospitals and other medical and health care facilities approved by the Cabinet;
- (c) the supply to hospitals and other medical and health care clinics and centres of medical, surgical and dental supplies and laboratory equipment and apparatus;
- (d) the management and administration of hospitals and health care facilities.

(ii) by the insertion after section 10(4) of the following new subsection —

“(5) The Board shall, at the request of the Minister, open such other accounts with a bank approved by the Minister into which funds shall be placed from the general account for any of the purposes specified in section 3 (1).”

(iii) by renumbering of subsection (5) as subsection (6).

Amendment of the  
Professions  
Licensing Act Cap  
347.

3. The Professions Licensing Act is amended by the insertion after ~~Part~~ I of the Schedule the following —

#### **'PART II'**

#### **Annual Licence Fee**

Where the licence in respect of a person who has been in private practice for —

- (a) 5 years or less \$2,000

- (b) ~~Over~~ 5 years but less than 10 years \$3,500  
(c) 10 years and over \$5,000

## 4. The Stamp Act is amended in section 9 as follows —

Amendment of the  
Stamp Act Cap.  
410.

- (a) by deleting the proviso thereof;  
(b) by inserting the following as subsection (2) —

"(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and the Schedule, the Cabinet may, if it considers it in the public interest so to do, remit in part or in whole the duties payable under this Act;"

- (c) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following —

"(3) The ~~Secretary~~ to the Cabinet shall, by Order, publish in the *Gazette* any remission granted under subsection (2) and upon such publication in the *Gazette* the Order shall come into force."

- (d) by repealing subsection (4) and the schedule immediately after subsection (4) and substituting the following —

"(4) Any remission of stamp duty granted by the Cabinet before the coming into force of this Act is hereby declared to be valid for all intents and purposes."

- (e) by renumbering subsection (2) as subsection (5).

## 5. The Board of Education Act is amended by the repeal of section 13 and the substitution of the following —

Amendment of  
Board of Education  
Act 1994 (No. 11 of  
1994).

"13. There shall be charged, levied and collected on the income of every person to whom this Act applies a levy at the rate specified in section 14."

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(Amendments) Act 1998.*

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Amendment of  
Customs Duties Act  
1993 (No. 27 of  
1993).

6. The Customs Duties Act 1993 is amended by the repeal of section 8A (1) and the substitution of the following —

“(1) For the purposes of regulating solid waste and for providing effective waste management system, there shall be levied and collected on a” bottles and aluminum cans of aerated beverage, ale, malt, beer and stout imported into Antigua and Barbuda, a waste management & posit levy of fifty cents (50¢) per bottle or can.”

Passed the House of Representatives this  
12th day of February, 1998.

Passed the Senate this 23rd day of  
February, 1998.

**B. Harris,**  
*Speaker.*

**M. Percival,**  
*President.*

**S. Walker,**  
*Clerk to the House of Representatives.*

**S. Walker,**  
*Clerk to the Senate.*

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