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I Assent,

James B. Carlisle,
Governor-General.

10th February, 2000.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

No. 1 of 2000

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

[*17th February, 2000*]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Law Revision (Miscellaneous) (Amendments) Act, 2000. short title.

2. Section 2 of the Distribution and Price of Goods Act is amended as follows: Amendment of section 2 of the Distribution and Price of Goods Act. Cap. 138.

(a) by repealing the definition of "authorised officer" and substituting the following:

"authorised officer" includes any person appointed by the Governor-General under section 16A to be an authorised officer and any police officer of or above the rank of sergeant"; and

(b) by inserting after section 16 the following:

"Appoinhment of authorised officer. 16A. (1) For the purposes of section 16 the Governor-General may by Order published in the *Gazette* appoint a price control officer to be an authorised officer.

(2) Appointments made under section 2 of the principal Act, before the coming into force of this Act are deemed to have been validly made."

Amendment of
the Eastern
Caribbean
Supreme Court
Act Cap. 143.

3. Section 23 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Act is amended by repealing section **23** and substituting the following:

"Mode of trial. 23. Any civil proceedings commenced by a writ or in such other manner as may be prescribed by rules of court shall be tried by a judge without a jury."

Amendment of
the Intoxicating
Liquor (Price
Control) Act Cap.
226.

4. Section 2 of the Intoxicating Liquor (Price Control) Act is amended as follows:

(a) by repealing the definition of "authorised officer" and substituting the following:

" "authorised officer" includes any person appointed by the Governor-General under section 9A to be an authorised officer for the purposes of this Act and any police officer of or above the rank of sergeant"; and

(b) by inserting after section 9 the following:

"Appointment of authorised officer. 9A. (1) For the purposes of section 9 the Governor-General may by Order published in the *Gazette* appoint a price control officer to be an authorised officer.

(2) Appointments made under section 2, before the coming into force of this Act, are deemed to have been validly made."

Amendment of
Medical Benefits
Act Cap 271.

5. The Medical Benefits Act is amended by the repeal of section 3(2) and the substitution of the following:

"(2) The Scheme shall be funded by a contribution of every insured person equivalent to three and one half percentum of his wages and the contribution of every employer equivalent to three and one half percentum of the wages of every person employed by him."

6. The Prison Act is amended by the insertion after section 26 of the following new sections:

**Amendment of
the Prison Act
Cap. 341.**

**Prison Welfare
Association.**

27. (1) For the purpose of enabling officers of the Prison Service below the rank of senior prison officers to consider and bring to the notice of the Superintendent and the Minister matters affecting their general welfare and efficiency there shall be established an organisation to be known as the Prison Welfare Association which shall act through a Board as provided by rules made under section 28.

(2) No representation shall be made by the Prison Welfare Association in relation to any question of discipline, promotion, transfer or leave unless some question of principle is involved.

(3) The Prison Welfare Association shall be entirely independent of and unassociated with any body outside the Service.

**Prison Association
Rules.**

28. The Association may make rules providing for the good government of the Association and for carrying out the object of the Association and such rules shall contain provisions in respect of any matters which the Minister may prescribe.

**Prison officers not
to join prohibited
associations.**

29. (1) It shall not be lawful for any prison officer to be or become a member of any prohibited association.

(2) If any prison officer becomes a member of a prohibited association, such prison officer commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and such member shall be dismissed from the Service.

(3) Any prison officer who on the commencement of this Act is a member of any prohibited association shall terminate his membership forthwith and by writing addressed to the Superintendent inform him of such termination.

(4) Any prison officer who, on the commencement of this Act continues to be a member of a prohibited association commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and such member shall be dismissed from the service.

(5) For the purpose of this Act "prohibited association" has the meaning as is defined in section 64(3) of the Police Act, Cap. 330."

**Amendment of
the Small Charges
Act Cap. 405.**

7. The Small Charges Act is amended in section 12 as follows:

- (a) by renumbering section 12 as section 12(1); and
- (b) by adding the following new subsections:

(2) No person shall carry a knife, cutlass, bludgeon or other offensive weapon to any place where people are gathered for entertainment or any other purpose.

(3) The proprietor or the person in charge of any such place mentioned in subsection (2) shall

- (a) post up at the entrance of any such place a notice prohibiting any person entering therein from carrying on his person, a knife, cutlass, bludgeon or any offensive weapon and the penalty for contravening the prohibition; and
- (b) make provision for persons entering any such place to hand over for safe custody such knife, bludgeon or offensive weapon which they may have in their possession.

(4) Any person who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars.

(5) It shall be lawful for any police officer after identifying himself to search without warrant any person entering into any such place mentioned in subsection (2) and to seize any knife, cutlass, bludgeon or other offensive weapon found on such person.

(6) For the purposes of this Act "offensive weapon" has the same meaning as defined in section 35(5) of the Firearms Act, Cap. 171."

8. The Free Trade and Processing Zone Act is amended as follows:

Amendment of
the Free Trade
and Processing
Zone Act No. 12
of 1994.

(a) by the repeal of section 10(3) and the substitution of the following:

"(3) There shall also be appointed by the Minister a Deputy Commissioner whose appointment shall be approved by the Cabinet.

(4) The Deputy Commissioner shall, perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Commissioner or as directed by the Commission and to perform the functions of the Commissioner during his absence.";

(b) by the repeal of section 27(g) and the substitution of the following:

"(g) to the granting of permits, approval and the licensing of ~~the~~ ^{here} approved under this Act may temporarily be accommodated."; and

(c) paragraph 2 of the Schedule is repealed and the following substituted:

"2. All meetings of the Commission shall be presided by the chairman and in the absence of the chairman the members present shall elect one of their number to preside.".

Passed the House of Representatives
this 6th day of January, 2000.

Passed the Senate this 17th day
of January, 2000.

B. Harris,
Speaker.

M. Percival,
President.

S. Walker,
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

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Clerk to the Senate.

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