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[L.S.]



I Assent,

**Rodney Williams,**  
*Governor-General.*

15th January, 2020.

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**THE MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019**  
**No. 31 of 2019**

**AN ACT** to amend the Marriage Act, Cap. 261, to prohibit the marriage of persons under the age of eighteen, and for incidental and connected purposes.

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows –

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Marriage (Amendment) Act, 2019.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act “principal Act” means the Marriage Act, Cap. 261.

**3. Amendment of section 25 -**

The principal Act is amended in section 25 as follows –

(a) by repealing the section heading thereof and replacing it with the following:

“25. Marriages of persons under 18”;

(b) by deleting the word “fifteen” and replacing it with the word “eighteen”.

**4. Repeal of section 26**

The principal Act is amended by repealing section 26 in its entirety.

**5. Repeal of section 35**

The principal Act is amended by repealing section 35 in its entirety.

**6. Amendment to section 37**

The principal Act is amended in section 37 by repealing subsection 2(g).

**7. Amendment to section 41**

The principal Act is amended in section 41 by repealing subsection 2(c).

**8. Amendment to section 45**

Section 45 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (1) and replacing it as follows

—

“(1) Any person may enter an objection to the issue of a Registrar-General’s certificate on the ground of there being a legal impediment to the marriage between the parties.”

**9. Amendment to section 56**

The principal Act is amended in section 56 by repealing subsection (3).thereof.

**10. Amendment of section 63**

The principal Act is amended by repealing section 63 in its entirety.

**11. Repeal of Second Schedule**

The principal Act is amended by repealing the Second Schedule in its entirety.

Passed by the House of Representatives on  
the 6th December, 2019.

Passed by the Senate on the  
17th December, 2019.

**Gerald Watt, Q.C.,**  
*Speaker.*

**Alicia Williams-Grant,**  
*President.*

**A. Peters,**  
*Clerk to the House of Representatives. (Ag.)*

**A. Peters,**  
*Clerk to the Senate. (Ag.)*