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[L.S.]



I Assent,

**Clare Roberts,**  
*Deputy Governor-General.*

15th June, 2017.

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**PRISON (AMENDMENT) ACT 2017**  
**No. 17 of 2017**

**AN ACT** to amend the Prison Act, Cap. 341 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 Prison (Amendment) Act, 2017.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act, the principal Act means the Prison Act, CAP. 341.

**3. Amendment of the principal Act**

The principal Act is amended in sections 3A, 4, 6, 9 and 13 by repealing the words “Governor General” where it appears in those sections and replacing these words with the word “Minister”.

**4. Amendment of section 5 of the principal Act—**

The principal Act is amended in section 5 by —

(1) repealing subsection (1) and replacing it with the following —

“(1) The Minister may at any time by Order published in the official *Gazette* declare any prison in Antigua and Barbuda to be closed; and every prison which the Minister shall so declare to be closed shall, as from the date of the Order, cease to be used as a prison accordingly.”; and

(2) deleting the words “Governor General” where it appears in subsection (2) and replacing it with the word “Minister”.

### **5. Amendment of section 7 of the principal Act**

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended—

in subsection (1)

(a) by deleting the words “Governor General” and replacing these with the word “Minister”; and

(b) by deleting the word “he” appearing between the words “as” and “may” and replacing it with the words “the Cabinet”.

(1) In subsection (2) by deleting the words “Governor General” and replacing these with the word “Minister”.

### **6. Amendment of section 7A of the principal Act**

Section 7A is amended by deleting all the words appearing between the words “Where” and “the Minister” and replacing these with the words, “a contract has been entered into as provided under section 3A(1),” .

### **7. Repeal of section 11 of the principal Act**

The principal Act is amended by repealing section 11 in its entirety.

### **8. Amendment of section 26 of the principal Act**

Section 26 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2) thereof a new subsection (3) to read as follows —

“(3) All references to the Governor General in the Prison Rules made under the authority of this section shall be construed as a reference to the Minister.”

Passed the House of Representatives on  
the \_\_\_\_\_, 29th May, 2017.

Passed the Senate on the 2nd June, 2017.

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

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

**Ramona Small,**  
*Clerk to the House of Representatives.*

**Ramona Small,**  
*Clerk to the Senate.*