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[L.S.]



I Assent,

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

27th December, 2019.

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**PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019**  
**No. 24 of 2019**

**An Act** to amend the Pension Act, Cap. 311 to increase the pensionable age of civil servants and for other connected matters.

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

**1. Short title**

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

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act—

“**principal Act**” means the Pensions Act, Cap. 311;

**3. Amendment of section 6**

The principal Act is amended by repealing section 6 and replacing it with the following new section 6—

**“ 6. Circumstances in which pension may be granted**

No pension, gratuity or other allowance shall be granted under this Act to an officer unless that officer retires from the public service in any of the following cases—

- (a) on attaining the age of sixty-five years, or on or after attaining the age of sixty years if the officer opts to retire at that age, or on or after attaining the age of fifty-five years, if the officer requests to retire at that age and the Governor General, acting on the advice of Cabinet, grants his request;
- (b) on the abolition of the office in which the officer serves;
- (c) on compulsory retirement for the purpose of facilitating improvement in the organization of the department to which he belongs, by which greater efficiency or economy may be effected;
- (d) on furnishing medical evidence to the satisfaction of the Cabinet that the employee is incapable, by reason of infirmity of mind or body, of continuing in such employment;
- (e) in the case of termination of the officer’s service in the public interest as provided in this Act; or
- (f) where the retirement age of the employee is in accordance with the corresponding pensionable age and pensionable year as set out in the Schedule to the Social Security (Benefits) (Age Pension and Grants) (Amendment) Regulations, 2016.”

**4. Repeal of section 8**

The principal Act is amended by repealing section 8 in its entirety.

**5. Commencement**

This Act shall take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020.

Passed by the House of Representatives on  
the 29th October, 2019.

Passed by the Senate on the 12th  
November, 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.)*