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[ L.S.]



I Assent,

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

29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

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**AN ACT** to amend the Social Protection Act 2020, No. 22 of 2020 and for other connected purposes.

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

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Social Protection (Amendment) Act 2021.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act, “principal Act” means the Social Protection Act 2020, No. 22 of 2020.

**3. Amendment of section 5 – Establishment of the Board**

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the word “seven” and replacing this with the word “ten”.

**4. Amendment of section 6 – Constitution of the Board**

Section 6 (1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after paragraph (g) a new paragraph as follows —

“(h) three ordinary members appointed by the Minister”

**5. Amendment of section 39 – Composition of the Commission**

Section 39 of the principal Act is amended as follows –

(a) by repealing subsection (1) and replacing it as follows:

“(1) The Commission shall comprise 10 commissioners who shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as the Minister may specify.”

(b) by repealing subsection (3) and replacing it as follows:

“(3) The Commission consists of:

(a) the Director

(b) a member from Barbuda;

(c) a member nominated by the Minister with responsibility for health;

(d) a member nominated by the Minister with responsibility for finance;

(e) a member nominated by the Minister with responsibility for education;

(f) a member nominated by the Minister with responsibility for labour;

(g) four members nominated by the Minister”

**6. Amendment of section 44 - Meetings**

Section 44 (6) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “5 commissioners” and replacing these with the words “7 commissioners”.

**7. Amendment of section 54 – Specific eligibility criteria**

Section 54(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the word “National”.

**8. Amendment of section 71 – Constitution of Appeals Tribunal**

Section 71 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) at paragraph (a) by repealing the words “a judge” and replacing this with the words, “an attorney at law of at least 10 years call or”

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Passed the House of Representatives on  
the 25th day of March, 2021.

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

**Rosemarie Smith-Weston,**  
*Acting Clerk to the House of Representatives.*

Passed the Senate on the 29th day of  
March, 2021.

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

**Rosemarie Smith-Weston,**  
*Acting Clerk to the Senate.*