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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Control of Disposable Plastics Act* (Act 2019-11) to defer the date of implementation of the ban on the manufacture, distribution, sale and use of single use petro-based plastic bags and for related matters.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment to section 4 of Act 2019–11
3. Repeal and replacement of section 5 of Act 2019-11

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Control of Disposable Plastics Act* (Act 2019-11) to defer the date of implementation of the ban on the manufacture, distribution, sale and use of single use petro-based plastic bags and for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Control of Disposable Plastics (Amendment) Act, 2019*.

Amendment to section 4 of Act 2019–11

2. Section 4 of the *Control of Disposable Plastics Act (Act 2019-11)*, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by

(a) inserting immediately after subsection (2) the following:

“(3) Subject to section 6, with effect from the 1st day of April, 2020 no person shall manufacture, distribute, offer for sale or use any single use petro-based plastic bags.”;

(b) deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following:

“(4) A person who contravenes subsections (1), (2) or (3) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50 000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of \$1 000 for each day or part thereof, during which the offence continues after which a conviction is first obtained.”.

Repeal and replacement of section 5 of Act 2019-11

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is deleted and the following is substituted:

“Prohibition on the importation of single use petro-based plastic bags

5. Subject to section 6, with effect from the 1st day of January, 2020 no person shall import any single use petro-based plastic bags.”.