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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Financial Management and Audit Act*, Cap. 5

- (a) to reduce the percentage that the Government may borrow by means of temporary advances from any bank or banks in Barbados;
- (b) to extinguish the overdraft held at the Central Bank in the amount of \$308 million; and
- (c) for related matters.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 13 of Cap. 5
3. Insertion of section 46A into Cap. 5

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Financial Management and Audit Act*, Cap. 5.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Financial Management and Audit (Amendment) Act, 2018*.

Amendment of section 13 of Cap. 5

2. *Section 13 of the Financial Management and Audit Act, Cap. 5, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:*

“(1) For the purpose of meeting the current requirements of the Consolidated Fund, the Minister may borrow by means of temporary advances from any bank or banks, money to an amount not exceeding 7.5 per cent of the net receipts of the estimated revenue of the Government for that financial year.”.

Insertion of section 46A into Cap. 5

3. *The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 46 the following:*

“Write-off of overdraft and other financial instruments

46A. The Minister may, upon the address of the House of Assembly, extinguish

- (a) the overdraft held at the Central Bank of Barbados as at 31st July, 2018 in the amount of \$308 million; and
- (b) any other financial instruments issued by the Government of Barbados in the form of Treasury Bills, Treasury Notes and Debentures in amounts as may be identified.”.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2018.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this _____ day of
, 2018.

President