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**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill would amend the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Act*, Cap. 8.

*Arrangement of Sections*

1. Short title
2. Amendment of long title of Cap. 8
3. Amendment of short title of Cap. 8
4. Insertion of new section 4A into Cap. 8

**BARBADOS**

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries  
(Remuneration and Allowances) Act, Cap. 8.*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2021*.

**Amendment of long title of Cap. 8**

2. *The Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Remuneration and Allowances) Act, Cap. 8, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting the long title and substituting the following:*

“An Act to revise the conditions of service for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries.”

**Amendment of short title of Cap. 8**

3. *The principal Act is amended by deleting the short title and substituting the following:*

**“Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Conditions of Service) Act, 2021*.”

**Insertion of new section 4A into Cap. 8**

4. *The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 4 the following new section:*

**“Vacation leave**

**4A.(1)** The holder of an office set out in column 1 of the *Schedule* is entitled to 4 weeks’ paid vacation leave annually for every complete year of service.

(2) The annual vacation leave of a Minister, other than the Prime Minister, may be given and taken in one period or more, if the Prime Minister and the other Minister so agree.

(3) Whenever the Prime Minister wishes to be granted vacation leave he shall make application in writing to the Governor-General setting out the date of commencement and termination of the period of leave.

(4) The Prime Minister’s annual vacation leave may be given and taken in one period or more, if the Prime Minister and Governor-General so agree.

(5) Whenever the Prime Minister is on vacation leave section 67 of the *Constitution* shall apply.

(6) The person referred to in subsection (1), other than the Prime Minister, who wishes to be granted vacation leave shall make application in writing to the Prime Minister setting out the date of commencement and termination of the period of leave.

(7) Whenever the person referred to in subsection (2) is absent from office on vacation leave section 68 of the *Constitution* shall apply.”.