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## CHAPTER 25

### PROMOTION OF TOURISM

**An Act to provide means for increasing and developing facilities for tourism and to promote measures for attracting tourists to The Bahamas.**

*49 of 1963  
E.L.A.O., 1974  
19 of 1975*

*[Assent 20th December, 1963]*

*[Commencement 7th January, 1964]*

- Act.
1. This Act may be cited as the Promotion of Tourism Act. Short title.
  2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.
    - “advertising” means advertising in newspapers, magazines or other publications or by pamphlets or by any other media or method of advertisement as the Minister may direct;
    - “Minister” means the Minister responsible for the Promotion of Tourism; *E.L.A.O., 1974.*
    - “transportation company” means any corporation, company or person engaged in shipping, aviation or other business of transportation.
  3. The Minister, assisted by such staff as he may consider necessary, shall have the following duties and powers — Duties and powers of the Minister.
    - (a) to make all such enquiries and to collect such information as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of promoting and thoroughly advertising The Bahamas as a tourist resort and for the purpose of materially facilitating and increasing the tourist traffic to The Bahamas;
    - (b) to adopt all such measures as, in the opinion of the Minister, may be necessary for promoting and thoroughly advertising The Bahamas as a tourist resort, and for the purpose of materially facilitating and increasing the tourist traffic to The Bahamas;

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- (c) for all or any of such purposes to appoint any person or agent as the Minister may deem necessary and to arrange for the remuneration of the same either by salary, commission or otherwise as the Minister may think proper;
  - (d) to accept from any hotel, development or transportation company any contribution for all or any of the purposes of this Act and to administer the same either solely or by joint arrangement with any such hotel, development or transportation company;
  - (e) to enter into and make such contract or contracts as the Minister may deem necessary for all or any of the purposes of this Act;
  - (f) for the special purposes of this Act, to make any contract for the provision of air or steamship communication between The Bahamas and any other place and to pay for or contribute towards the same or towards advertising or promoting the same by way of annual or periodical subsidy, guarantee of debenture interest, commission on the number of passengers brought to The Bahamas or by any other method of payment sanctioned by the Minister;
  - (g) generally to take all such measures as the Minister may deem likely to carry out most effectively the objects of this Act.

Expenses.

4. In addition to any sum voted to the Minister, the Minister may utilise for the purposes of this Act any sums received from the sale of publications or in payment for advertisements inserted in any advertising pamphlet or other documents issued under this Act, or any other sums received from any source in carrying out the objects of this Act.

Annual Report.  
*E.L.A.O., 1974.*

5. The Minister shall lay upon the table of each House of Parliament in the month of April or as soon as practicable thereafter in every year a report describing the operations and measures undertaken by the Minister during the previous year ending on the thirty-first day of December, and, showing the money received and expended during such year in carrying out the objects of this Act.

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6. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect any contract that was valid and subsisting immediately prior to the seventh day of January, 1964 and which had been entered into by the Development Board (abolished by this Act on the said date) and any such contract shall be deemed to be a contract entered into by the Minister on behalf of the Government of The Bahamas. Contracts.  
*43 of 1964, Third  
Sch.*
7. The Minister may make rules generally for carrying into effect the objects of this Act. Rules.