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No. 45 of 2014

BAIL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014

AN ACT TO AMEND THE BAIL ACT.

[Date of Assent - 5th November, 2014]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title.

This Act which amends the Bail Act (*Ch. 103*), may be cited as the Bail (Amendment) Act, 2014.

2. Amendment of Section 4 of Ch. 103.

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by—

- (a) the deletion of paragraph (b) of subsection (2); and
- (b) the insertion immediately after subsection (5) of the following as subsection (6)—

“(6) At the hearing of an application for bail, it shall be the burden of the applicant to satisfy the court that bail should be granted.”

3. Amendment of First Schedule to Ch. 103.

The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the addition thereto of the following factors—

“(h) in the case of violence allegedly committed upon another by the defendant, the court's paramount consideration is the need to protect the alleged victim.”

4. Amendment of Second Schedule to Ch. 103.

The Form set out in the Second Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the addition of the following paragraph—

“(e) that I am not currently a surety in any other proceedings in the courts of The Bahamas.”.