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**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ACT,
2020**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT OF
SUBORDINATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND FOR CONNECTED
MATTERS**

[Date of Assent - 9th December, 2020]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title.

This Act, which amends the Correctional Services Act, 2014 (*No. 8 of 2014*) may be cited as the Correctional Services (Amendment) Act, 2020.

2. Amendment of Third Schedule to No. 8 of 2014.

Paragraph 1 of the Third Schedule to the Correctional Services Act is amended —

- (a) in subparagraph (2), by the deletion of the word “fifty” and the substitution of the word “fifty-five”;
- (b) in subparagraph (3) —
 - (i) in sub subparagraph (a), by the deletion of the word “ten” and the substitution of the word “five”;
 - (ii) In sub subparagraph (b), by the deletion of the word “fifty” and the substitution of the word “fifty-five” ; and
- (c) by the insertion immediately after subparagraph (4), of the following new subparagraph —

“(5) The pension of every subordinate correctional officer who re-engages with the Department of Correctional Services shall be suspended during the period of re-engagement and reinstated upon the completion of his re-engagement.”.
- (d) by the insertion immediately after paragraph 1 of the following new paragraph —

“ **IA. Compulsory retirement of officers above the rank of sergeant.**

Every officer in the Department of Correctional Service other than an officer referred to in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 1 of the *Third Schedule*, shall, upon attaining sixty years of age or rendering forty years of service, whichever is soonest, retire.”.

3. Transitional.

- (1) Notwithstanding paragraph 1(4) of the *Third Schedule* to the Correctional Services Act, 2014, a person who —
 - (a) retires from the Department of Correctional Services within the first six months of the date of the coming into force of this Act; and
 - (b) wishes to apply for re-engagement under paragraph 1(3) of the *Third Schedule*,shall apply in writing to the Commissioner not less than six months prior to the date that the correctional officer is due to retire.
- (2) This section applies to any person who on the date of the coming into force of this Act, is a subordinate correctional officer.