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DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

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No. 31 of 2020

DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO ENLISTMENT AND RETIREMENT

[Date of Assent - 9th December, 2020]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title.

This Act, which amends the Defence Act (*Ch. 211*), may be cited as the Defence (Amendment) Act, 2020.

2. Amendment of section 17 of the principal Act.

Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words "twenty-five" and the substitution of the word "thirty".

3. Repeal and replacement of section 18 of the principal Act.

Section 18 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced as follows —

"18. Re-engagement and continuation.

Notwithstanding anything in section 17, any marine of the regular Force who at any time has completed thirty years of service or such other prescribed period may, with the approval of the competent authority, re-engage with the regular Force for such further period or periods of service as may be prescribed until he attains the age of sixty years or renders forty years of service, whichever is earlier.".

4. Transitional.

A person to whom section 18 applies, who retires from the Defence Force shall within six months from the date of his retirement, re-apply for re-engagement.