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REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT

[Date of Assent - 11th August, 2022]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title.

This Act, may be cited as the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Amendment) Act, 2022.

2. Insertion of new section 15 into Ch. 100.

The Rehabilitation of offenders Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 14 of the following new section 15 —

“15. Minister’s discretion to declare certain persons rehabilitated.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and notwithstanding the provisions of sections 3, 4 and 10, the Minister may by Order, subject to affirmative resolution of both Houses of Parliament, declare any or all persons convicted of any class of criminal offence specified in the Order to—
- (a) be treated as a rehabilitated person in respect of that offence;
 - (b) have his conviction for the offence treated as spent; and
 - (c) have his record for the conviction of the offence, expunged,

whether or not the rehabilitation period specified for that offence under section 4(2) has been met.

- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to an offence specified in the First *Schedule*.”.