

JAMAICA

No. 23— 2021

I assent,

[L.S.]

Sgd. P. L. Allen

Governor-General.

12th day of November 2021

AN ACT to Amend the Emergency Powers Act, and to provide for connected matters.

[12th day of November 2021]

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Amendment) Act, 2021, and shall be read and construed as one with the Emergency Powers Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Short title
and
construction.

Amendment
of section 2
of
principal Act.

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following definition—

““period of public disaster” means any period during which there is in force a Proclamation by the Governor-General declaring that a period of public disaster exists;” and

- (b) in the definition of “Proclamation”—

(i) by deleting the words “subsection (4) of section 26” and substituting therefor the words “section 20(2)”; and

(ii) by deleting from paragraph (a) the words “public emergency” and substituting therefor the words “period of public disaster”.

Amendment
of section 3
of
principal Act.

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by inserting next after the words “During a” the words “period of public disaster or a”;

(b) in subsection (5), by deleting the words “three months, or a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars” and substituting therefor the words “twelve months, or a fine not exceeding one million dollars”; and

- (c) by inserting next after subsection (7) the following subsection—

“ (8) The Minister may, by order subject to affirmative resolution, amend the monetary penalty specified in subsection (5).”.

Amendment
of
Emergency
(Public
Security) Act.

4.—(1) The Emergency (Public Security) Act is amended in the definition of “period of public emergency” by deleting the words “subsection (4) of section 26” and substituting therefor the words “section 20(2)”.

(2) Subsection (1) shall be read and construed as one with the Emergency (Public Security) Act and all amendments thereto.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 26th day of October, 2021.

M. DALRYMPLE PHILIBERT, CD, MP
Speaker.

Passed in the Senate this 5th day of November, 2021.

THOMAS TAVARES-FINSON, OJ, CD, QC, JP
President.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.

Sgd. Valrie A. Curtis
Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.