

JAMAICA

No. 13-2000

I assent,

[L.S.]

H. F. COOKE,  
*Governor-General.*

24th day of July, 2000.

AN ACT to Amend the Malicious Injuries to Property Act.

[ 25th July, 2000 ]

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 Malicious Injuries to Property (Amendment) Act, 2000, and shall be read and construed as one with the Malicious Injuries to Property Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Short title  
and con-  
struction.

Repeal and replacement of section 20 of principal Act.

2. Section 20 of the principal Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor—

“Destroying or damaging trees in garden, etc.

20.—(1) A person commits an offence if he unlawfully or maliciously cuts, breaks, barks, roots up or otherwise destroys or damages the whole or any part of any tree, sapling or shrub, or any underwood, growing in any pleasure ground, garden, orchard, avenue or in any ground adjoining or belonging to any dwelling house, or in any other place.

(2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) shall be liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or three times the value of the injury done, whichever is the greater, and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.”.

Repeal of sections 21 and 22 of principal Act.

3. Sections 21 and 22 of the principal Act are repealed.

Amendment of sections 23, 24 and 25 of principal Act.

4. Sections 23, 24 and 25 of the principal Act are amended by deleting the words “two hundred” wherever they appear and substituting therefor in each case the words “four thousand”.

Amendment of section 29 of principal Act.

5. The proviso to section 29 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “twenty” and substituting therefor the words “four thousand”.

Amendment of section 12 of principal Act.

6. Section 32 (1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “two thousand” and substituting therefor the words “forty thousand”.

7. Section 43 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "one thousand" wherever they appear and substituting therefor in each case the words "twenty thousand".

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43 of prin-  
cipal Act.