

JAMAICA

No. 7 – 2018

I assent,

[L.S.]


Governor-General.

26th day of March 2018

AN ACT to Amend the Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Suppression and Punishment) Act.

[27th March 2018]

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 Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Suppression and Punishment) (Amendment) Act, 2018, and shall be read and construed as one with the Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Suppression and Punishment) Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Short title
and
construction.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 4 by inserting next after subsection (9) the following subsection—

Amendment
of section 4
of principal
Act.

“ (10) Where a person is charged with an offence under this section—

(a) there shall be no committal proceedings; and

(b) the person shall be tried before a Judge of the Circuit Court sitting without a jury.”.

Amendment
of section 6
of principal
Act.

3. The principal Act is amended in section 6 by inserting next after subsection (4) the following subsection—

“ (5) An order of restitution under this section may be enforced by the victim, or by the prosecution on behalf of the victim, in the same manner as a judgment in a civil action.”.

Amendment
of section 16
of principal
Act.

4. The principal Act is amended in section 16 by renumbering the section as section 16(1) and inserting the following as subsection (2)—

“ (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), regulations under this section may make provision for the better carrying out of the provisions of section 6 (restitution to victims).”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 30th day of January, 2018.

PEARNEL CHARLES, CD, MP, JP

Speaker.

Passed in the Senate this 23rd day of February, 2018.

THOMAS TAVARES-FINSON, 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. Heather E. Cooke
Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.