

JAMAICA

No. 24— 2021

I assent,

[L.S.]

Sgtl. P. C. Allen

Governor-General.

19th day of November 2021

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

[19th 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 Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Suppression and Punishment) (Amendment) Act, 2021, 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.

Amendment
of section 4
of
principal Act.

2. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended in subsections (6), (7), (8) and (8A) by deleting the words “to a fine or” and “or to both such fine and imprisonment”, wherever they appear.

Amendment
of section 5
of
principal Act.

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1) by deleting the words “to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twenty years or to both such fine and imprisonment” and substituting therefor the words “to the fine specified in sub-section (2)”;
- (b) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting therefor the following—

“ (2) Where the court is satisfied that a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer concerned with the management of a body corporate, having regard to the nature of functions in that capacity and to all the circumstances—

- (a) connived in the commission of an offence under subsection (1), to a term of imprisonment not exceeding twenty years;
- (b) failed to exercise all diligence to prevent the commission of the offence under subsection (1), to a fine.

Amendment
of section 15
of
principal Act.

4. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “two hundred and fifty thousand” and substituting therefor the words “one million”.

Amendment
of section 17
of
principal Act.

5. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by deleting the marginal note and substituting therefor the following—
“Amendment of monetary penalties.”; and
- (b) in subsection (1), by deleting the words “increase the fines” and substituting therefor the words “amend the monetary penalties”.

6. Section 10 of the Child Care and Protection Act is amended in subsection (2), by deleting the words “to a fine or” and “or to both fine and imprisonment.”

Amendment
of section 10
of the Child
Care
Protection
Act.

Passed in the Honourable House of Representatives this 3rd day of November, 2021 with two (2) amendments.

M. DALRYMPLE PHILIBERT, CD, MP
Speaker.

Passed in the Senate this 12th 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. Valnè A. Curtis
Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.