

MONTSERRAT

**INFO-COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

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A BILL FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INFO-COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT ACT (CAP 18.08) TO PROVIDE FOR THE INFO-COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF MONTSERRAT TO CONSULT WITH THE REGISTRAR OF MONTSERRAT SHIPS BEFORE EXERCISING ITS LICENSING AND REGULATORY FUNCTIONS IN RELATION TO SHIPS AND OTHER VESSELS.

BE IT ENACTED by The King’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Montserrat, and by the Authority of the same as follows:—

1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Info-Communications Development (Amendment) Act, 2023.

2. Interpretation

In this Act “**principal Act**” means the Info-Communications Development Act (Cap. 18.08).

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3. Section 31 amended

Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following subsection (2A) immediately after subsection (2)—

“(2A) If an application is made for a licence in respect of a ship or other vessel, the Authority shall not approve the application unless—

(a) it has first consulted the Registrar of Montserrat Ships appointed under section 2A of the Merchant Shipping (Registration) Act, 2013 (Cap 7.11), and

(b) the Registrar has confirmed that the ship or other vessel—

(i) is registered in Montserrat under Part 2 of that Act, or

(ii) has a sufficient connection with Montserrat that it would, in the Registrar’s opinion, be appropriate for the application to be approved in respect of the ship or vessel.”.

SPEAKER

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this day of , 2023.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY