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FAIR TRADING COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Fair Trading Commission Act*, Cap. 326B to extend the functions of the Commission to include renewable energy producers.

FAIR TRADING COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of the long title of Cap. 326B
3. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 326B
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BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Fair Trading Commission Act*, Cap. 326B, to extend the functions of the Commission to include renewable energy producers.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Fair Trading Commission (Amendment) Act, 2020*.

Amendment of the long title of Cap. 326B

2. ***The Fair Trading Commission Act, Cap. 326B, in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended by deleting the long title and substituting the following:***

“An Act to provide for the establishment of a Fair Trading Commission to safeguard the interests of consumers, to regulate utility services supplied by service providers, to monitor and investigate the conduct of service providers, renewable energy producers and business enterprises, to promote and maintain effective competition in the economy, and for related matters.”.

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 326B

3. ***Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by***
(a) deleting the definition of “rates” and substituting the following:

“ “rates” include

- (a) every rate, fare, toll, charge, rental or other compensation of a service provider or renewable energy producer;
- (b) a rule, practice, measurement, classification or contract of a service provider or renewable energy producer relating to a rate; and
- (c) a schedule or tariff respecting a rate;”;

(b) inserting in the appropriate alphabetical order the following definitions:

“ “independent power producer” means a commercial entity other than an electric utility, which

(a) produces or stores; and

(b) supplies

electricity using renewable energy resources for sale to the public grid;

“public grid ” means the grid to which the public has access for the supply of electricity;

“renewable energy producer” includes a generator, distributor or person who stores and supplies electricity generated from a renewable energy resource for sale to the public grid;”.

Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 326B

4. *Section 4 of the principal Act is amended*

(a) in subsection (2) by inserting the words “,renewable energy producers” immediately after the words “service providers”;

(b) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following:

“(3) The Commission shall, in the performance of its functions and in pursuance of the objectives set out in subsections (1) and (2),

(a) establish principles for arriving at the rates to be charged by service providers and renewable energy producers;

(b) set the maximum rates to be charged by service providers and renewable energy producers;

- (c) monitor the rates charged by service providers and renewable energy producers to ensure compliance;
- (d) determine the standards of service applicable to service providers and independent power producers;
- (e) monitor the standards of service supplied by service providers and independent power producers to ensure compliance;
- (f) carry out periodic reviews of the rates and principles for setting rates of service providers and renewable energy producers;
- (g) carry out periodic reviews of standards of service of service providers and independent power producers;
- (i) hear and determine complaints by consumers regarding billings and the standards of service supplied by service providers;
- (j) keep commercial activities under review;
- (k) receive and evaluate consumer complaints;
- (l) educate and assist consumers in resolving complaints; and
- (m) investigate whether business enterprises are engaging in anti-competitive business practices.”;

(c) *by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following:*

“(4) The Commission shall, in performing its functions under subsection (3)(a), (b), (d), (f) and (g), consult with service providers, renewable energy producers, representatives of consumer interest groups and other parties that have an interest in the matter before it.”.

(d) *by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (4):*

“(4A) The Commission shall, in performing its functions under subsection (3)(a), (b),(c), (d), (e),(f) and (g), request

- (a) a service provider;
- (b) a renewable energy producer; or
- (c) a licensee under the *Telecommunications Act*, Cap. 282B or the *Electric Light and Power Act* (2013-21)

to provide the Commission with information relating to its operations, finances or such other information as the Commission may consider necessary to perform its functions.”.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of , 2020.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this day of
, 2020.

President

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UTILITIES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Utilities Regulation Act*, Cap. 282 to make provision for renewable energy, to extend the functions of the Commission to include renewable energy producers and for related matters.

UTILITIES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 282.
3. Amendment of section 3 of Cap. 282
4. Insertion of new Part IV A into Cap. 282

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Utilities Regulation Act*, Cap. 282, to make provision for renewable energy, to extend the functions of the Commission to include renewable energy producers and for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Utilities Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020*.

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 282.

2. *Section 2 of the Utilities Regulation Act, Cap. 282 in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting the definition of “rates” and substituting the following:*

“ “rates” include

- (a) every rate, fare, toll, charge, rental or other compensation of a service provider or renewable energy producer;
- (b) a rule, practice, measurement, classification or contract of a service provider or renewable energy producer relating to a rate; and
- (c) a schedule or tariff respecting a rate;”.

Amendment of section 3 of Cap. 282

3. *Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (2):*

“(2A) In performing its functions under subsection (1), the Commission may request a service provider to provide the Commission with information relating to its operations, finances or such other information as the Commission may consider necessary to perform its functions.”.

Insertion of new Part IV A into Cap. 282

4. *The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new Part immediately after Part IV:*

“PART IV A

Renewable energy

Interpretation

24A. For the purposes of this Part,

“interconnection agreement” means an agreement which establishes the terms and conditions under which a distributed generation system that produces or stores energy from a renewable energy resource connects to the public grid;

“public grid” means the grid to which the public has access for the supply of electricity;

“renewable energy producer” includes a generator, distributor or person who stores and supplies electricity generated from a renewable energy resource for sale to the public grid;

“renewable energy resource” means an energy resource other than fossil fuel that is naturally replenished on a human timescale and includes but is not limited to wave and ocean energy, wind, solar and biomass.

Functions of the Commission in respect of renewable energy and energy storage

24B.(1) The functions of the Commission, in relation to a renewable energy producer entering into an interconnection agreement or other agreement to supply electricity to the public grid, are to

- (a) establish principles for arriving at the rates to be charged;
- (b) set the terms and conditions of the agreements;
- (c) set the maximum rates to be charged under the agreements; and
- (d) direct renewable energy producers to submit the proposals for the rates and terms and conditions relating to their agreements.

(2) In performing its functions under subsection (1), the Commission shall consult with renewable energy producers, representatives of consumer interest groups and other interested parties and shall have regard to

- (a) the national energy policy;
- (b) the national environmental policy;
- (c) the requirement to promote renewable energy and to enhance the security, affordability, safety and reliability of the supply of electricity.

(3) In establishing the principles referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) the Commission shall have regard to

- (a) the promotion of efficiency on the part of renewable energy producers;

- (b) ensuring that an efficient renewable energy producer will be able to finance its functions by earning a reasonable return on capital;
 - (c) such other matters as the Commission may consider appropriate.
- (4) The functions of the Commission, in relation to a renewable energy producer storing energy that is produced by its plant, are to
 - (a) set the maximum rates to be charged; and
 - (b) establish guidelines for interconnection.
- (5) In performing its functions under subsections (1) and (4), the Commission shall request a renewable energy producer to provide the Commission with information relating to its operations, finances or such other information as the Commission may consider necessary to perform its functions.”.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2020.

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S.I. 2020 No. 30

Tourism Development Act

CAP. 341

**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (SIXTEENTH FAIRWAY VILLA)
NOTICE, 2020**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5 of the *Tourism Development Act*, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice may be cited as the *Tourism Development (Sixteenth Fairway Villa) Notice, 2020*.

2. Interim approval has been granted, with the approval of the Cabinet, to the applicant, The Sixteenth Fairway Ltd., in respect of the tourism project for the development of a 5 bedroom villa to be known as “Sixteenth Fairway Villa” situate at lot 35A Palm Ridge, Royal Westmoreland in the parish of Saint James.

Given by the Minister this 7th day of July, 2020.

K. D. SYMMONDS

Minister Responsible for Tourism



S.I. 2020 No. 31

National Insurance and Social Security Act

CAP. 47

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (BENEFITS)
ORDER, 2020**

The National Insurance Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 25A of the *National Insurance and Social Security Act*, makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the *National Insurance and Social Security (Benefits) Order, 2020*.
2. With effect from 6th January, 2020, the amount to be paid weekly as
 - (a) old age contributory pension; and
 - (b) invalidity pensionshall not be less than \$243 per week.
3. With effect from 6th January, 2020, the amount to be paid weekly as survivor's pension shall be calculated on a sum not less than \$243 per week.
4. With effect from the 6th January, 2020, an insured person who on or before 31st December, 2019 had been entitled to
 - (a) an old age contributory pension;
 - (b) a survivor's pension;
 - (c) a death benefit; or
 - (d) an invalidity pension

shall be paid an additional amount of 1.61 per cent of the pension benefit to which that person had been entitled on 31st December, 2019.

5. With effect from 1st January, 2020,
 - (a) a funeral grant shall be an amount of \$2 185;
 - (b) a maternity grant shall be an amount of \$1 260.
6. The *National Insurance and Social Security (Benefits) Order, 2019* (S.I. 2019 No. 31) is revoked.

Made by the National Insurance Board this 19th day of May, 2020.

IAN GOODING-EDGHILL
Chairman of the National Insurance Board



S.I. 2020 No. 32

National Insurance and Social Security Act

CAP. 47

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (INSURABLE
EARNINGS) ORDER, 2020**

The National Insurance Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 19A of the *National Insurance and Social Security Act*, makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the *National Insurance and Social Security (Insurable Earnings) Order, 2020*.
2. With effect from 1st January, 2020, the maximum earnings on which contributions are payable are,
 - (a) in the case of workers paid on a monthly basis, \$4 880 per month; and
 - (b) in the case of workers paid on a weekly basis, \$1 126 per week.
3. With effect from 1st January, 2020, the maximum insurable earnings of a self-employed person are,
 - (a) \$14,640 per calendar quarter; or
 - (b) \$58,560 per annum.

4. *The National Insurance and Social Security (Insurable Earnings) Order, 2019* (S.I. 2019 No. 32) is revoked.

Made by the National Insurance Board this 19th day of May, 2020.

IAN GOODING-EDGHILL
Chairman of the National Insurance Board



S.I. 2020 No. 33

National Insurance and Social Security Act

CAP. 47

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (NON-
CONTRIBUTORY OLD AGE PENSIONS) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2020**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 50 of the *National Insurance and Social Security Act*, makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *National Insurance and Social Security (Non-Contributory Old Age Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020*.
2. ***Regulation 11 of the National Insurance and Social Security (Non-Contributory Old Age Pensions) Regulations, 1982 (S.I. 1982 No. 11) is amended in paragraph (1) by deleting the words “\$225.00 per week with effect from 9th July, 2018” and substituting the words “\$230.00 per week with effect from 6th day of January, 2020.”***

Made by the Minister this 2nd day of July, 2020.

MIA AMOR MOTTLEY

Minister Responsible for National Insurance

