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(Act 28 of 2021)



I assent

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Wavel Ramkalawan
President

23rd July, 2021

AN ACT to amend the Agency for Social Protection Act, 2011 (*Act 25 of 2011*).

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Agency for Social Protection (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Amendment of Section 6 of Act 25 of 2011

2. Section 6 of the Agency for Social Protection Act, 2011 (Act 25 of 2011) is amended by repealing subsection (1), and substituting therefor the following subsection —

“(1) (a) The Agency shall be administered by a Board, consisting of 7 members, appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

(b) The members appointed under paragraph (a) shall be persons of integrity, possessing qualifications and experience in social protection, social affairs, public administration, audit, political science, legal matters, finance, economics, statistics, or business management.”

Transitional provisions

3. On the commencement of this Act —

(a) the members of the Board, established by section 6 of the Agency for Social Protection Act, 2011, prior to the commencement of this Act, shall cease to be members as such and shall vacate their office; and

(b) such members shall not be entitled to claim any compensation for the premature termination of the term of their office or of any contract of service.

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 14th July, 2021.



Mrs. Tania Isaac
Clerk to the National Assembly

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**STATUTE LAW REVISION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS)
ACT, 2021**

(Act 29 of 2021)



I assent

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Wavel Ramkalawan
President

23rd July, 2021

**AN ACT to make amendments to certain enactments and to repeal the
Ministers (Number) Decree, Cap. 131.**

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

**PART 1
PRELIMINARY**

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Statute Law Revision (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2021.

PART 2
STATUTE LAW REVISION ACT

Revision of the Statute Law Revision Act

2. In this Part, the “principal Act” means the Statute Law Revision Act, Cap. 231.

Amendment of section 2

3.(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing the definition “Commissioner” and substituting therefor the following definition —

“Commissioner” means the Law Revision Commissioner appointed under section 3;”

- (b) by inserting in the proper alphabetical order, the following definition —

““Committee” means the Law Revision Advisory Committee established under section 3A.;

Repeal and replacement of section 3

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is repealed and substituted therefor the following —

“Appointment of Law Revision Commissioner

3.(1) The President may, by instrument under the Public Seal, appoint a Law Revision Commissioner who shall prepare the revised edition of the Laws of Seychelles, under the authority, and in accordance with the provisions, of this Act.

(2) A person is qualified for appointment as Commissioner if that person —

- (a) served as a Judge or Justice of Appeal in Seychelles; or

(b) is an Attorney-at-Law of not less than 7 years standing with experience in legislative drafting.

(3) A person shall hold office as Commissioner for a term of not more than 3 years and is eligible for re-appointment at the end of a term of office.

(4) Where the office of the Commissioner is vacant, the Attorney General shall have and perform, *mutatis mutandis*, the powers conferred on the Commissioner by this Act.”

Insertion of new section 3A.

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 3 the following as section 3A.

“Establishment and functions of Law Revision Advisory Committee

3A.(1) There shall be a Law Revision Advisory Committee which shall comprise —

(a) the Attorney General;

(b) a Justice of Appeal;

(c) a Judge;

(d) 2 or more Attorneys-at-Law of not less than 7 years standing.

(2) The Attorney General shall be the chairperson of the Committee.

(3) The Committee shall provide assistance to the Commissioner in implementing this Act.

(4) The Committee may appoint a person as secretary to the Committee and such other persons to assist the Committee.

(5) The Committee shall regulate its own proceedings.

(6) There shall be paid to the members of the Committee and the persons appointed under subsection (4) such honorarium or allowances as may be determined by the Minister responsible for finance in consultation with the Attorney General.”

Amendment of section 7

6. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing subsection (2);
- (b) by renumbering subsection (3) as subsection (5);
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsections —

“(2) A revised edition of the laws of Seychelles may be contained in such of the following formats as the Commissioner thinks fit —

- (a) bound books;
- (b) a collection of booklets;
- (c) loose-leaf books;
- (d) CD-ROM or other means of electronic storage;
- (e) a databank accessible by remote computer; or
- (f) any other format.

(3) The revision date of a revised edition shall be —

- (a) marked upon every page of a revised edition in printed format; and
- (b) displayed upon every page of a revised edition in any other format, in such manner that it is also marked upon a printed copy of that page.

(4) Different revision dates may be marked or displayed upon different pages of a revised edition.”

Insertion of new section 10A.

7. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 10 the following as section 10A. —

“Special revision date for particular Law

10A.(1) Notwithstanding section 10, the President may, by notice published in the Gazette, appoint a date other than the revision date specified under section 10 as a special revision date for any particular written law.

(2) The Commissioner shall revise the particular written law specified in the notice as soon as practicable and shall publish it.

(3) In every such case, the Commissioner shall insert an appropriate note in the Laws of Seychelles with reference to the special revision date of that written law.

(4) The President may by order published in the Gazette direct that the revised edition of the Laws of Seychelles prepared under this section shall come into force on such date as the President may appoint in the order.”

Amendment of section 13

8. Section 13(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing the words “a read only” and substituting therefor the words “in an”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after the words “Laws of Seychelles” the words “that is accessible, free of charge, to any person”.

Insertion of new section 14

9. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 13 the following as section 14 —

“Offence

14.(1) A person who knowingly makes any alteration to a revised edition of the Laws of Seychelles, with the intent to deceive any person as to

the true text of the law, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine of level 4 on the standard scale, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Subsection (1) applies whether the alteration is made in Seychelles or elsewhere.”

PART 3

INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS ACT

Revision of the Interpretation and General Provisions Act

10. In this Part, the “principal Act” means the Interpretation and General Provisions Act, Cap. 103, as amended.

Repeal and replacement of section 7

11. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 7 and substituting therefor the following —

“Marginal note and section heading do not form part of the law

7. A marginal note, section heading or any heading note to any provision of any Act shall not have any legislative effect and shall not in any way vary, limit or extend the interpretation of any Act.”

Amendment of section 22

12. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by repealing the following definitions —

- “(i) “attorney”;
- (ii) “barrister”;
- (iii) “Court of Appeal”
- (iv) “Defence Force”;
- (v) “legal practitioner”;
- (vi) “Minister”;

- (vii) “police officer”; and
 - (viii) “Seychelles”;
- (b) by inserting in the proper alphabetical order, the following new definitions —

““Attorney-at-Law” means an Attorney-at-Law pursuant to the Legal Practitioners Act, Cap. 111;

“Auditor General” means the person appointed as Auditor General under article 158 of the Constitution, Cap. 42;

“Central Bank of Seychelles” means the Bank established by the Central Bank of Seychelles Act, Cap. 26;

“costs” includes fees, charges, disbursements, expenses and remuneration;

“Court of Appeal” means Court of Appeal of Seychelles established by the Constitution, Cap 42”;

“Defence Force” means the Defence Force of Seychelles established by article 162 of the Constitution, Cap. 42;

“law” includes any instrument that has the force of law and any unwritten rule of law;

“Magistrate” means a Senior Magistrate or Magistrate appointed in accordance with the Courts Act, Cap. 52;

“Magistrates' Court” means a court presided over by a Senior Magistrate or a Magistrate in accordance with the Courts Act, Cap 52;

“Minister” means a person appointed as a Minister under article 69 of the Constitution and where the context so provides includes the President or the Vice President;

“minor” means a natural person under the age of 18 years;

“police officer” means a member of the Police Force of Seychelles established article 159 of the Constitution;

“prison” means any place or building or portion of a building declared, or within an area declared, to be a prison under the Prisons Act, Cap. 180;

“property” includes money, goods, choses or things in action, land and every description of property, whether real or personal, heritable or moveable, including tangible or intangible or incorporeal property, and any reference to the property shall be construed as including reference to any interest in property;

“publication”, other than for the purposes of an action for defamation, means —

- (a) all written or printed matter;
- (b) any record, tape, wire, perforated roll, cinematograph film or other contrivance by means of which any words or ideas may be mechanically, electronically or electrically produced, reproduced, represented or conveyed;
- (c) anything whether of a similar nature to the foregoing or not, containing any visible representation or by its form, shape, or in any manner capable of producing, reproducing, representing or conveying words or ideas; and
- (d) every copy and reproduction of any publication as defined in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this definition;

“rules” means rules under an Act in which the word “rules” is used and where the context so provides includes orders, regulations, by-laws and forms;

“Seychelles” has the same meaning assigned by Article 2 of the Constitution, Cap 42;

“standard scale” means the standard scale of fines for offences established under the Criminal Offences (Standard Scale of Fines) Act, 2021;

“Vice-President” means the Vice-President of the Republic of Seychelles;”.

Amendment of section 26

13. Section 26 of the principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the words “the Government Printer” the words “or in accordance with the Digitization and Publication of Gazette Act, 2020”.

Insertion of new sections 53A. and 53B.

14. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 53 the following new sections —

“Amendment of penalty

53A. Where an act or omission constitutes an offence and the penalty for such offence is amended between the time of the commission of such offence and the conviction therefor, the offender shall, in the absence of express provision to the contrary, be liable to the lesser of the two penalties.

Disposal of forfeits

53B.(1) Where under the authority of any Act or statutory instrument any animal or any thing is ordered by any court or a public authority to be confiscated or forfeited, the animal or thing shall, unless it is otherwise provided, be deemed to be forfeited to the Republic.

(2) Any provision in an Act whereby any animal or thing ordered to be forfeited to the Republic may be sold by a public authority shall, unless it is otherwise provided, be construed as requiring the public authority to pay the net proceeds of any such sale into the Consolidated Fund and as requiring any such sum to be treated as forming part of the public revenue.

(3) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall have effect so as to derogate from or abridge any provision in any Act

whereby any portion of any fine, penalty or forfeit, or of the proceeds of any forfeit, is expressed to be recoverable by any person or may be granted by any court or other statutory authority to any person.”

Amendment of section 54

15. Section 54(2) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing the words “shall not exceed five thousand rupees” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 2 on the standard scale”;
- (b) by repealing the words “shall not exceed ten thousand rupees” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”;
- (c) by repealing the words “shall not exceed twenty thousand rupees” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 64

16. Section 64 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing subsection (2);
- (b) by renumbering subsection (3) as subsection (4);
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsections —

“(2) If the National Assembly, within a period of 3 months beginning with the day on which a copy of any statutory instrument is laid before the National Assembly, passes a resolution to annul any statutory instrument, the National Assembly shall cause an Order to be published in the Gazette repealing the statutory instrument, and any such Order shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under the statutory instrument.

(3) Any law amended or repealed by the statutory instrument that was annulled pursuant to subsection (2) shall upon the passing of the resolution revive and remain valid until that law is subsequently amended or repealed.”.

Amendment of section 68

17. Section 68(1)(b) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding twenty thousand rupees” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

PART 4 MINISTERS (NUMBER) DECREE

Repeal of Ministers (Number) Decree

18. The Ministers (Number) Decree, Cap. 131, is repealed.

PART 5 OFFICIAL OATHS ACT

Revision of the Official Oaths Act

19. In this Part, the “principal Act” means the Official Oaths Act, Cap. 153.

Amendment of section 2

20. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended in the definition of “proper officer” by inserting immediately after the words “sections 5” the word “5A.”.

Amendment of section 3

21. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the words “the Presidential Oath,” the words “the Vice-Presidential Oath,”.

Amendment of section 5

22. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by inserting er the

immediately after the words “the Chief Justice” the words “or another Judge”.

Insertion of new section 5A.

23. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 5 the following as section 5A.

“Vice-Presidential Oath

5A. The Vice-President shall, on the Vice-President's assumption of office, take and subscribe the Vice-Presidential Oath, and such oath shall be tendered by and subscribed before the President.”

Amendment of section 11

24. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the words “subscribed before the President” the words “, the Vice-President”;
- (b) by repealing the word “he” and substituting therefor the words “Vice-President or the Minister”.

Insertion of new section 12A.

25. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 12 the following as section 12A.

“When affirmation may be made instead of oath

12A. Any person who —

- (a) objects to taking of an oath on the grounds that an oath is contrary to the person's religious belief; or
- (b) has a conscientious objection to taking an oath,

and who is required to take an oath set out in a Schedule to this Act may make an affirmation in the form of the oath by substituting the words “solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm” for the word “swear” and omitting the words “SO HELP ME GOD”.”

Amendment of section 16

26. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine of R10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 5 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of First Schedule

27. The First Schedule to the Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing the Oath of Allegiance and substituting therefor the following —

“OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I do swear/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm/that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Constitution of Seychelles and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of Seychelles.

SO HELP ME GOD”

- (b) by repealing the Presidential Oath and substituting therefor the following —

“PRESIDENTIAL OATH

I do swear/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm/that I will faithfully and diligently perform my duties and discharge my functions in the office of President of Seychelles, that I will be faithful to the Republic of Seychelles, that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of Seychelles and that I will dedicate my abilities to the service and welfare of the people of Seychelles without fear or favour, affection or ill will.

SO HELP ME GOD”

- (c) by inserting immediately after the Presidential Oath, the following as the Vice-Presidential Oath —

“VICE-PRESIDENTIAL OATH

I do swear/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm/that I will faithfully and diligently perform my duties and discharge my functions in the office of Vice-President, that I will be faithful to the Republic of Seychelles, that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of Seychelles and that I will dedicate my abilities to the service and welfare of the people of Seychelles without fear or favour, affection or ill will.

SO HELP ME GOD”**Amendment of Second Schedule**

28. The Second Schedule to the Act is amended in the First Column —

- (a) by repealing the words “Senior State Counsel” and substituting therefore the words “Deputy Attorney General”;
- (b) by repealing the words “Barristers-at-Law and Attorneys” and substituting therefore the words “Attorneys-at-Law”.

PART 6**PUBLIC PERSONS (DECLARATION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND BUSINESS INTERESTS) ACT****Amendment of section 11 of the Public Persons (Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests) Act**

29. The Public Persons (Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests) Act, 2016 is amended in section 11(1) by inserting immediately after the words “commits an offence” the words “and is liable on conviction to a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

PART 7
POLITICAL PARTIES (REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS) ACT

Revision of the Political Parties (Registration and Regulations) Act

30. In this Part, the “principal Act” means the Political Parties (Registration and Regulations) Act, Cap. 173.

Amendment of section 14

31. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by repealing the word “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 17

32. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the word “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 19

33. Section 19 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the word “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 2 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 24

34. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (6) by repealing the words “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 2 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 25

35. Section 25 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (6) by repealing the word “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 2 on the standard scale”.

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 14th July, 2021.



Mrs. Tania Isaac
Clerk to the National Assembly

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021

(Act 30 of 2021)

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FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021

(Act 30 of 2021)



I assent

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Wavel Ramkalawan
President

23rd July, 2021

AN ACT to revise the monetary penalties and the terms of imprisonment imposed under the law for unlawful activities in relation to firearms and ammunition; and for matters incidental thereto.

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Firearms and Ammunition (Amendment) Act, 2021, and shall be read and construed as one with the Firearms and Ammunition Act, Cap 80, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) in the definition of “ammunition” —

(i) in paragraph (i) by inserting immediately after the words “hand grenade,” the words “bullet or like missile,”;

(ii) in paragraph (ii) by inserting immediately after the words “hand grenade” wherever they appear, the words “, bullet or missile,”;

(iii) in paragraph (iii) by inserting immediately after the words “hand grenade” the words “, bullet”;

(b) by repealing the definition of “customs officer”;

(c) by inserting in the proper alphabetical order the following new definitions —

“**Commissioner of Police**” means the Commissioner of Police appointed in accordance with article 160 of the Constitution;

“**customs officer**” means a person appointed under section 8 of the Customs Management Act, 2011;”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 3 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 5

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) in subsection (8) by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding

Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”;

- (b) in subsection (9) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 9

5. Section 9(3) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding five years or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 10 years or to a fine of level 6 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 10

6. Section 10(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 11

7. Section 11(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 12

8. Section 12(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 13

9. Section 13(5) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 14

10. Section 14(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 15

11. Section 15(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 16

12. Section 16(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 17

13. Section 17(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 18

14. Section 18(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 20

15. Section 20(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 21

16. Section 21(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 22

17. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 25

18. Section 25 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (2) by repealing the words “not exceeding three years or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 5 years or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale”;
- (b) in subsection (3) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”;
- (c) in subsection (4) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 26

19. Section 26 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (3) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”;

- (b) in subsection (7) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 27

20. Section 27(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 28

21. Section 28(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 30

22. Section 30(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 31

23. Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 34

24. Section 34 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (6) by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”;

- (b) in subsection (7) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 39

25. Section 39 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 45

26. Section 45 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following —

“(1) It shall be lawful for the President by proclamation to —

- (a) prohibit the carrying, use, or keeping of firearms or ammunition in any district or part of the Republic for either a definite or an indefinite period, and to order that within such district or part of the Republic all firearms or ammunition shall be delivered to such person or persons as the President may appoint; or
- (b) order that any person in possession of firearms or ammunition without any lawful authority or a valid licence, to surrender the firearms or ammunition within a specified period and time to such person or persons as the President may appoint.”
- (b) by renumbering subsection (2) as subsection (4);
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsections —

“(2) Notwithstanding any law, no proceedings shall be instituted for possession of any firearm or ammunition against a person who delivers up the firearm or ammunition in accordance with subsection (1).

(3) Notwithstanding any written law, any firearm or ammunition delivered up in accordance with subsection (1) is deemed to be confiscated and shall be destroyed and disposed of on the directions of the Commissioner of Police.”.

(d) in subsection (4) by repealing the words “imprisonment for five years or to a fine of Rs. 5, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 46

27. Section 46 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by renumbering the existing section as subsection (1);
- (b) in subsection (1) by repealing paragraph (h);
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following as subsection (2) —

“(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may create offences and provide that contravention of or failure to comply with any such regulations shall be an offence and prescribe for offences maximum penalties not exceeding 5 years imprisonment or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale.”.

Consequential amendments

28. The Penal Code, Cap. 158, is amended to the extent specified in Schedule 1 to this Act.

SCHEDULE 1*(Section 28)***CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS****Amendment of section 84 of the Penal Code**

1. Section 84 of the Penal Code is amended —
 - (a) in subsection (1) by repealing the words “imprisonment for seven years” and substituting therefor the words “imprisonment for 15 years and a fine of level 7 on the standard scale”;
 - (b) in subsection (2) by repealing the words “imprisonment for five years” and substituting therefor the words “imprisonment for 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale”;
 - (c) in subsection (3) by repealing the words “imprisonment for five years” and substituting therefor the words “imprisonment for 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale”;
 - (d) in subsection (4) by repealing the words “a fine of one thousand rupees and to imprisonment for one year” and substituting therefor the words “imprisonment for 3 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale.”.

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 21st July, 2021.



Mrs. Tania Isaac
Clerk to the National Assembly

AGENCY FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021

(Act 28 of 2021)

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 6 of Act 25 of 2011
3. Transitional provisions



AGENCY FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021

(Act 28 of 2021)



I assent

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Wavel Ramkalawan
President

23rd July, 2021

AN ACT to amend the Agency for Social Protection Act, 2011 (*Act 25 of 2011*).

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Agency for Social Protection (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Amendment of Section 6 of Act 25 of 2011

2. Section 6 of the Agency for Social Protection Act, 2011(Act 25 of 2011) is amended by repealing subsection (1), and substituting therefor the following subsection —

“(1) (a) The Agency shall be administered by a Board, consisting of 7 members, appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

(b) The members appointed under paragraph (a) shall be persons of integrity, possessing qualifications and experience in social protection, social affairs, public administration, audit, political science, legal matters, finance, economics, statistics, or business management.”

Transitional provisions

3. On the commencement of this Act —

(a) the members of the Board, established by section 6 of the Agency for Social Protection Act, 2011, prior to the commencement of this Act, shall cease to be members as such and shall vacate their office; and

(b) such members shall not be entitled to claim any compensation for the premature termination of the term of their office or of any contract of service.

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 14th July, 2021.



Mrs. Tania Isaac
Clerk to the National Assembly

**STATUTE LAW REVISION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS)
ACT, 2021**

(Act 29 of 2021)

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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**STATUTE LAW REVISION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS)
ACT, 2021**

(Act 29 of 2021)



I assent

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Wavel Ramkalawan
President

23rd July, 2021

AN ACT to make amendments to certain enactments and to repeal the Ministers (Number) Decree, Cap. 131.

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

**PART 1
PRELIMINARY**

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Statute Law Revision (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2021.

PART 2
STATUTE LAW REVISION ACT

Revision of the Statute Law Revision Act

2. In this Part, the “principal Act” means the Statute Law Revision Act, Cap. 231.

Amendment of section 2

3.(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing the definition “Commissioner” and substituting therefor the following definition —

“Commissioner” means the Law Revision Commissioner appointed under section 3;”

- (b) by inserting in the proper alphabetical order, the following definition —

““Committee” means the Law Revision Advisory Committee established under section 3A.;

Repeal and replacement of section 3

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is repealed and substituted therefor the following —

“Appointment of Law Revision Commissioner

3.(1) The President may, by instrument under the Public Seal, appoint a Law Revision Commissioner who shall prepare the revised edition of the Laws of Seychelles, under the authority, and in accordance with the provisions, of this Act.

(2) A person is qualified for appointment as Commissioner if that person —

- (a) served as a Judge or Justice of Appeal in Seychelles; or

(b) is an Attorney-at-Law of not less than 7 years standing with experience in legislative drafting.

(3) A person shall hold office as Commissioner for a term of not more than 3 years and is eligible for re-appointment at the end of a term of office.

(4) Where the office of the Commissioner is vacant, the Attorney General shall have and perform, *mutatis mutandis*, the powers conferred on the Commissioner by this Act.”

Insertion of new section 3A.

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 3 the following as section 3A.

“Establishment and functions of Law Revision Advisory Committee

3A.(1) There shall be a Law Revision Advisory Committee which shall comprise —

(a) the Attorney General;

(b) a Justice of Appeal;

(c) a Judge;

(d) 2 or more Attorneys-at-Law of not less than 7 years standing.

(2) The Attorney General shall be the chairperson of the Committee.

(3) The Committee shall provide assistance to the Commissioner in implementing this Act.

(4) The Committee may appoint a person as secretary to the Committee and such other persons to assist the Committee.

(5) The Committee shall regulate its own proceedings.

(6) There shall be paid to the members of the Committee and the persons appointed under subsection (4) such honorarium or allowances as may be determined by the Minister responsible for finance in consultation with the Attorney General.”

Amendment of section 7

6. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing subsection (2);
- (b) by renumbering subsection (3) as subsection (5);
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsections —

“(2) A revised edition of the laws of Seychelles may be contained in such of the following formats as the Commissioner thinks fit —

- (a) bound books;
- (b) a collection of booklets;
- (c) loose-leaf books;
- (d) CD-ROM or other means of electronic storage;
- (e) a databank accessible by remote computer; or
- (f) any other format.

(3) The revision date of a revised edition shall be —

- (a) marked upon every page of a revised edition in printed format; and
- (b) displayed upon every page of a revised edition in any other format, in such manner that it is also marked upon a printed copy of that page.

(4) Different revision dates may be marked or displayed upon different pages of a revised edition.”

Insertion of new section 10A.

7. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 10 the following as section 10A. —

“Special revision date for particular Law

10A.(1) Notwithstanding section 10, the President may, by notice published in the Gazette, appoint a date other than the revision date specified under section 10 as a special revision date for any particular written law.

(2) The Commissioner shall revise the particular written law specified in the notice as soon as practicable and shall publish it.

(3) In every such case, the Commissioner shall insert an appropriate note in the Laws of Seychelles with reference to the special revision date of that written law.

(4) The President may by order published in the Gazette direct that the revised edition of the Laws of Seychelles prepared under this section shall come into force on such date as the President may appoint in the order.”

Amendment of section 13

8. Section 13(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing the words “a read only” and substituting therefor the words “in an”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after the words “Laws of Seychelles” the words “that is accessible, free of charge, to any person”.

Insertion of new section 14

9. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 13 the following as section 14 —

“Offence

14.(1) A person who knowingly makes any alteration to a revised edition of the Laws of Seychelles, with the intent to deceive any person as to

the true text of the law, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine of level 4 on the standard scale, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Subsection (1) applies whether the alteration is made in Seychelles or elsewhere.”

PART 3

INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS ACT

Revision of the Interpretation and General Provisions Act

10. In this Part, the “principal Act” means the Interpretation and General Provisions Act, Cap. 103, as amended.

Repeal and replacement of section 7

11. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 7 and substituting therefor the following —

“Marginal note and section heading do not form part of the law

7. A marginal note, section heading or any heading note to any provision of any Act shall not have any legislative effect and shall not in any way vary, limit or extend the interpretation of any Act.”

Amendment of section 22

12. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by repealing the following definitions —

- “(i) “attorney”;
- (ii) “barrister”;
- (iii) “Court of Appeal”
- (iv) “Defence Force”;
- (v) “legal practitioner”;
- (vi) “Minister”;

- (vii) “police officer”; and
 - (viii) “Seychelles”;
- (b) by inserting in the proper alphabetical order, the following new definitions —

““Attorney-at-Law” means an Attorney-at-Law pursuant to the Legal Practitioners Act, Cap. 111;

“Auditor General” means the person appointed as Auditor General under article 158 of the Constitution, Cap. 42;

“Central Bank of Seychelles” means the Bank established by the Central Bank of Seychelles Act, Cap. 26;

“costs” includes fees, charges, disbursements, expenses and remuneration;

“Court of Appeal” means Court of Appeal of Seychelles established by the Constitution, Cap 42”;

“Defence Force” means the Defence Force of Seychelles established by article 162 of the Constitution, Cap. 42;

“law” includes any instrument that has the force of law and any unwritten rule of law;

“Magistrate” means a Senior Magistrate or Magistrate appointed in accordance with the Courts Act, Cap. 52;

“Magistrates' Court” means a court presided over by a Senior Magistrate or a Magistrate in accordance with the Courts Act, Cap 52;

“Minister” means a person appointed as a Minister under article 69 of the Constitution and where the context so provides includes the President or the Vice President;

“minor” means a natural person under the age of 18 years;

“police officer” means a member of the Police Force of Seychelles established article 159 of the Constitution;

“prison” means any place or building or portion of a building declared, or within an area declared, to be a prison under the Prisons Act, Cap. 180;

“property” includes money, goods, choses or things in action, land and every description of property, whether real or personal, heritable or moveable, including tangible or intangible or incorporeal property, and any reference to the property shall be construed as including reference to any interest in property;

“publication”, other than for the purposes of an action for defamation, means —

- (a) all written or printed matter;
- (b) any record, tape, wire, perforated roll, cinematograph film or other contrivance by means of which any words or ideas may be mechanically, electronically or electrically produced, reproduced, represented or conveyed;
- (c) anything whether of a similar nature to the foregoing or not, containing any visible representation or by its form, shape, or in any manner capable of producing, reproducing, representing or conveying words or ideas; and
- (d) every copy and reproduction of any publication as defined in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this definition;

“rules” means rules under an Act in which the word “rules” is used and where the context so provides includes orders, regulations, by-laws and forms;

“Seychelles” has the same meaning assigned by Article 2 of the Constitution, Cap 42;

“standard scale” means the standard scale of fines for offences established under the Criminal Offences (Standard Scale of Fines) Act, 2021;

“Vice-President” means the Vice-President of the Republic of Seychelles;”.

Amendment of section 26

13. Section 26 of the principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the words “the Government Printer” the words “or in accordance with the Digitization and Publication of Gazette Act, 2020”.

Insertion of new sections 53A. and 53B.

14. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 53 the following new sections —

“Amendment of penalty

53A. Where an act or omission constitutes an offence and the penalty for such offence is amended between the time of the commission of such offence and the conviction therefor, the offender shall, in the absence of express provision to the contrary, be liable to the lesser of the two penalties.

Disposal of forfeits

53B.(1) Where under the authority of any Act or statutory instrument any animal or any thing is ordered by any court or a public authority to be confiscated or forfeited, the animal or thing shall, unless it is otherwise provided, be deemed to be forfeited to the Republic.

(2) Any provision in an Act whereby any animal or thing ordered to be forfeited to the Republic may be sold by a public authority shall, unless it is otherwise provided, be construed as requiring the public authority to pay the net proceeds of any such sale into the Consolidated Fund and as requiring any such sum to be treated as forming part of the public revenue.

(3) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall have effect so as to derogate from or abridge any provision in any Act

whereby any portion of any fine, penalty or forfeit, or of the proceeds of any forfeit, is expressed to be recoverable by any person or may be granted by any court or other statutory authority to any person.”

Amendment of section 54

15. Section 54(2) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing the words “shall not exceed five thousand rupees” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 2 on the standard scale”;
- (b) by repealing the words “shall not exceed ten thousand rupees” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”;
- (c) by repealing the words “shall not exceed twenty thousand rupees” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 64

16. Section 64 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing subsection (2);
- (b) by renumbering subsection (3) as subsection (4);
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsections —

“(2) If the National Assembly, within a period of 3 months beginning with the day on which a copy of any statutory instrument is laid before the National Assembly, passes a resolution to annul any statutory instrument, the National Assembly shall cause an Order to be published in the Gazette repealing the statutory instrument, and any such Order shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under the statutory instrument.

(3) Any law amended or repealed by the statutory instrument that was annulled pursuant to subsection (2) shall upon the passing of the resolution revive and remain valid until that law is subsequently amended or repealed.”.

Amendment of section 68

17. Section 68(1)(b) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding twenty thousand rupees” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

PART 4 MINISTERS (NUMBER) DECREE

Repeal of Ministers (Number) Decree

18. The Ministers (Number) Decree, Cap. 131, is repealed.

PART 5 OFFICIAL OATHS ACT

Revision of the Official Oaths Act

19. In this Part, the “principal Act” means the Official Oaths Act, Cap. 153.

Amendment of section 2

20. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended in the definition of “proper officer” by inserting immediately after the words “sections 5” the word “5A.”.

Amendment of section 3

21. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the words “the Presidential Oath,” the words “the Vice-Presidential Oath,”.

Amendment of section 5

22. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by inserting er the

immediately after the words “the Chief Justice” the words “or another Judge”.

Insertion of new section 5A.

23. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 5 the following as section 5A.

“Vice-Presidential Oath

5A. The Vice-President shall, on the Vice-President's assumption of office, take and subscribe the Vice-Presidential Oath, and such oath shall be tendered by and subscribed before the President.”

Amendment of section 11

24. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the words “subscribed before the President” the words “, the Vice-President”;
- (b) by repealing the word “he” and substituting therefor the words “Vice-President or the Minister”.

Insertion of new section 12A.

25. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 12 the following as section 12A.

“When affirmation may be made instead of oath

12A. Any person who —

- (a) objects to taking of an oath on the grounds that an oath is contrary to the person's religious belief; or
- (b) has a conscientious objection to taking an oath,

and who is required to take an oath set out in a Schedule to this Act may make an affirmation in the form of the oath by substituting the words “solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm” for the word “swear” and omitting the words “SO HELP ME GOD”.”

Amendment of section 16

26. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine of R10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 5 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of First Schedule

27. The First Schedule to the Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing the Oath of Allegiance and substituting therefor the following —

“OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I do swear/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm/that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Constitution of Seychelles and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of Seychelles.

SO HELP ME GOD”

- (b) by repealing the Presidential Oath and substituting therefor the following —

“PRESIDENTIAL OATH

I do swear/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm/that I will faithfully and diligently perform my duties and discharge my functions in the office of President of Seychelles, that I will be faithful to the Republic of Seychelles, that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of Seychelles and that I will dedicate my abilities to the service and welfare of the people of Seychelles without fear or favour, affection or ill will.

SO HELP ME GOD”

- (c) by inserting immediately after the Presidential Oath, the following as the Vice-Presidential Oath —

“VICE-PRESIDENTIAL OATH

I do swear/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm/that I will faithfully and diligently perform my duties and discharge my functions in the office of Vice-President, that I will be faithful to the Republic of Seychelles, that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of Seychelles and that I will dedicate my abilities to the service and welfare of the people of Seychelles without fear or favour, affection or ill will.

SO HELP ME GOD”**Amendment of Second Schedule**

28. The Second Schedule to the Act is amended in the First Column —

- (a) by repealing the words “Senior State Counsel” and substituting therefore the words “Deputy Attorney General”;
- (b) by repealing the words “Barristers-at-Law and Attorneys” and substituting therefore the words “Attorneys-at-Law”.

PART 6**PUBLIC PERSONS (DECLARATION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND BUSINESS INTERESTS) ACT****Amendment of section 11 of the Public Persons (Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests) Act**

29. The Public Persons (Declaration of Assets, Liabilities and Business Interests) Act, 2016 is amended in section 11(1) by inserting immediately after the words “commits an offence” the words “and is liable on conviction to a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

PART 7
POLITICAL PARTIES (REGISTRATION AND REGULATIONS) ACT

Revision of the Political Parties (Registration and Regulations) Act

30. In this Part, the “principal Act” means the Political Parties (Registration and Regulations) Act, Cap. 173.

Amendment of section 14

31. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by repealing the word “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 17

32. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the word “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 19

33. Section 19 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the word “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 2 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 24

34. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (6) by repealing the words “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 2 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 25

35. Section 25 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (6) by repealing the word “a fine of R 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 2 on the standard scale”.

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 14th July, 2021.



Mrs. Tania Isaac
Clerk to the National Assembly

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021*(Act 30 of 2021)***ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS****SECTIONS**

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SCHEDULE 1



FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021

(Act 30 of 2021)



I assent

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Wavel Ramkalawan
President

23rd July, 2021

AN ACT to revise the monetary penalties and the terms of imprisonment imposed under the law for unlawful activities in relation to firearms and ammunition; and for matters incidental thereto.

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Firearms and Ammunition (Amendment) Act, 2021, and shall be read and construed as one with the Firearms and Ammunition Act, Cap 80, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) in the definition of “ammunition” —

(i) in paragraph (i) by inserting immediately after the words “hand grenade,” the words “bullet or like missile,”;

(ii) in paragraph (ii) by inserting immediately after the words “hand grenade” wherever they appear, the words “, bullet or missile,”;

(iii) in paragraph (iii) by inserting immediately after the words “hand grenade” the words “, bullet”;

(b) by repealing the definition of “customs officer”;

(c) by inserting in the proper alphabetical order the following new definitions —

“**Commissioner of Police**” means the Commissioner of Police appointed in accordance with article 160 of the Constitution;

“**customs officer**” means a person appointed under section 8 of the Customs Management Act, 2011;”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 3 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 5

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) in subsection (8) by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding

Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”;

- (b) in subsection (9) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 9

5. Section 9(3) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding five years or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 10, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 10 years or to a fine of level 6 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 10

6. Section 10(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 11

7. Section 11(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 12

8. Section 12(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 13

9. Section 13(5) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 14

10. Section 14(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 15

11. Section 15(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 16

12. Section 16(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 17

13. Section 17(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 18

14. Section 18(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 20

15. Section 20(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 21

16. Section 21(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 22

17. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 25

18. Section 25 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (2) by repealing the words “not exceeding three years or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 5 years or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale”;
- (b) in subsection (3) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”;
- (c) in subsection (4) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 26

19. Section 26 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (3) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”;

- (b) in subsection (7) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 27

20. Section 27(4) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 28

21. Section 28(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 30

22. Section 30(2) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 31

23. Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 34

24. Section 34 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (6) by repealing the words “a fine not exceeding Rs. 1, 000” and substituting therefor the words “a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”;

- (b) in subsection (7) by repealing the words “not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 39

25. Section 39 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 2, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 2 years or to a fine of level 4 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 45

26. Section 45 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by repealing subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following —

“(1) It shall be lawful for the President by proclamation to —

- (a) prohibit the carrying, use, or keeping of firearms or ammunition in any district or part of the Republic for either a definite or an indefinite period, and to order that within such district or part of the Republic all firearms or ammunition shall be delivered to such person or persons as the President may appoint; or
- (b) order that any person in possession of firearms or ammunition without any lawful authority or a valid licence, to surrender the firearms or ammunition within a specified period and time to such person or persons as the President may appoint.”
- (b) by renumbering subsection (2) as subsection (4);
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following new subsections —

“(2) Notwithstanding any law, no proceedings shall be instituted for possession of any firearm or ammunition against a person who delivers up the firearm or ammunition in accordance with subsection (1).

(3) Notwithstanding any written law, any firearm or ammunition delivered up in accordance with subsection (1) is deemed to be confiscated and shall be destroyed and disposed of on the directions of the Commissioner of Police.”.

(d) in subsection (4) by repealing the words “imprisonment for five years or to a fine of Rs. 5, 000” and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale”.

Amendment of section 46

27. Section 46 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by renumbering the existing section as subsection (1);
- (b) in subsection (1) by repealing paragraph (h);
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following as subsection (2) —

“(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may create offences and provide that contravention of or failure to comply with any such regulations shall be an offence and prescribe for offences maximum penalties not exceeding 5 years imprisonment or a fine of level 5 on the standard scale.”.

Consequential amendments

28. The Penal Code, Cap. 158, is amended to the extent specified in Schedule 1 to this Act.

SCHEDULE 1*(Section 28)***CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS****Amendment of section 84 of the Penal Code**

1. Section 84 of the Penal Code is amended —
 - (a) in subsection (1) by repealing the words “imprisonment for seven years” and substituting therefor the words “imprisonment for 15 years and a fine of level 7 on the standard scale”;
 - (b) in subsection (2) by repealing the words “imprisonment for five years” and substituting therefor the words “imprisonment for 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale”;
 - (c) in subsection (3) by repealing the words “imprisonment for five years” and substituting therefor the words “imprisonment for 10 years and a fine of level 6 on the standard scale”;
 - (d) in subsection (4) by repealing the words “a fine of one thousand rupees and to imprisonment for one year” and substituting therefor the words “imprisonment for 3 years and a fine of level 4 on the standard scale.”.

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 21st July, 2021.



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