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Section

1. Short title
2. Interpretation
3. Insertion of new section 15A – Benefits and Entitlements

[L.S.]



I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General.

12th March, 2018.

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NATIONAL HONOURS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018

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AN ACT to amend the National Honours Act, 1998 No. 23 of 1998 and to make adequate financial provision for the proper maintenance of the status of the recipient of the order of National Hero.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as National Honours (Amendment) Act, 2018.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, a reference to the “principal Act” means the National Honours Act 1998 No. 23 of 1998.

3. Insertion of a new section 15A – Benefits and Entitlements

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 15 a new section 15A to be worded as follows:

“15A. Benefits and Entitlements

(1) A person who is appointed to the Most Exalted Order of National Hero is entitled to receive during his or her lifetime the benefits and entitlements provided in this section —

- (a) an annual sinecure of ninety-six thousand Eastern Caribbean dollars (EC\$96,000.00) payable in equal monthly instalments in arrears;
- (b) an exemption from the payment of taxes, levies and contributions payable under any law in force in Antigua and Barbuda;
- (c) exemption from the payment of customs duties payable on goods imported only for his or her personal use at his or her personal residence up to a maximum of twelve thousand dollars Eastern Caribbean Currency (EC\$12,000.00) per year;
- (d) exemption from the payment of property tax on his or her residential property where he or she normally resides;

(2) The sinecure and other benefits provided for a National Hero under this Act are not subject to the payments of taxes, contributions and levies prescribed by any law in force in Antigua and Barbuda.

(3) In addition to the benefits provided in subsection (1), a National Hero is also entitled to be provided with the following—

- (a) a suitable vehicle befitting the status of a National Hero once every seven years;
- (b) one household assistant of his or her choice; and
- (c) a driver as and when needed

(4) The sinecure and benefits provided for a National Hero under this section shall be paid for from funds appropriated by Parliament.

(5) On all national and official occasions to which a person appointed to the Order of National Hero is invited, his or her rank shall be next in line after the Ministers of State.”

Passed the House of Representatives on
The 14th day of February, 2018.

Passed the Senate on the 23rd day of
February, 2018.

Gerald Watt Q.C.,
Speaker.

Alicia Williams Grant,
President.

Ramona Small,
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

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Clerk to the Senate.