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AN ACT to amend the Stem Cell Research and Therapy Act, 2019 No. 11 of 2019.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Stem Cell Research and Therapy (Amendment) Bill 2020

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“principal Act” means the Stem Cell Research and Therapy Act 2019 No. 11 of 2020

3. Amendment of section 4 – Establishment of the Stem Cell Oversight Committee

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended –

(a) in subsection (1) by repealing the word “five” and replacing it with the word “seven”; and

(b) in subsection (7) by repealing the word “Four” and replacing it with the word “Five”

4. Amendment of section 8-Imposition of Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax and persons liable

Section 8 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (3) by the repeal of paragraph (b) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following—

“(b) if the supply is taxable because, under paragraph (2) of Schedule 4, the supplier chooses not to treat the supply as exempt under item 6 or 7 of paragraph (1) of that Schedule, the rate of tax applicable to the supply is 14 per cent; or”

5. Amendment of section 5 – Functions of the National Stem Cell Oversight Committee

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by relettering the current paragraph (h) as paragraph (i) and by inserting immediately after paragraph (g) a new paragraph (h) as follows –

“(h) issue guidelines;”

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Passed by the House of Representatives

this day of 2020

Passed by the Senate

this day of 2020

Speaker

President

Clerk to the House of Representatives

Clerk to the Senate

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this amendment is to correct some errors that were noticed in the Act. The changes to Section 4 - clause 3 brings inline the words and figures used in the section. As a result of this amendment, subsection (7) dealing with quorum also had to be amended.

Lastly, the amendment to section 5 to insert the specific power to issue guidelines was done in the interest of the Stem Cell Oversight Committee being able to respond at a quicker pace than would otherwise be possible to anticipated changes or matter requiring quick action.

Hon. Molwyn Joseph
Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment