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AN ACT to amend the National Honours Act, 1998.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short Title

This Act may be cited as the National Honours (Amendment) Act, 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Act-

“principal Act” means the National Honours Act, 1998.

3. Amendment of section 12- - Nominations to be addressed to the Secretary

Section 12 of the principal Act is amended as follows –

(a) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) a new subsection (2) as follows:

“(2) “Person” in relation to a nominee for the bestowal of membership to the Most Precious Order of Princely Heritage includes a company, association or social club engaged in the development, protection or advancement of the arts, history or cultural heritage or humanitarian endeavours. “

(b) by renumbering subsections (4) and (5) as subsections (3) and (4) respectively.

4. Amendment of the Schedule to the principal Act

The Schedule to the principal Act is amended as follows –

(a) in paragraph 4 by repealing subparagraph (1) and substituting the following therefor –

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make a minor amendment to the National Honours Act, 1998. The Bill contains six (6) clauses –

Clauses 1 and 2 are the short title and interpretation;

Clause 3 amends section 12 of the principle Act which deals with the nomination of persons to any Order. Importantly, the amendment inserts a definition for “person” as it relates to a nomination for the Most Precious Order of Princely Heritage. This definition will allow for the award to be made to not only individuals, but also companies, social clubs and associations that have made tremendous contributions to arts, cultural heritage, and humanitarian development in Antigua and Barbuda, the **CARICOM** region and internationally.

The award is governed by the rules laid out in the Schedule to the Act, therefore, Clause 4 amends the Schedule to reflect the change made at section 12. Additionally the label at the head of the Schedule is also change so that the Schedules to the Act can be properly identified. This original schedule now becomes the First Schedule.

Clauses 4 and 5 amends Schedules A and B respectively by relabelling these schedules as “Second Schedule” and “Third Schedule” respectively.

Hon. Gaston Browne
Prime Minister
and Minister of Finance