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**AN ACT** to amend the Mount St. John's Medical Centre Act 2009, No. 2 of 2009 and for other connected purposes.

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Mount St. John's Medical Centre (Amendment) Act 2020.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act, "principal Act" means the Mount St. John's Medical Centre Act 2009, No. 2 of 2009.

**3. Amendment of section 10**

Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by –

- (a) deleting the words, "and daily management of the Hospital" from the subject heading;
- (b) deleting the number "(1)" before subsection (1); and
- (c) repealing subsection (2) in its entirety;

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Passed by the House of Representatives

this day of 2021

Speaker

Clerk to the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate

this day of 2021

President

Clerk to the Senate

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This is a relatively minor amendment to the Mount St. John's Medical Centre Act 2009, No. 2 of 2009. It contains 3 clauses –

Clause 1 and 2 – Short title and Interpretation;

Clause 3 – Amendment of section 10, currently titled: “Policy directions by Minister and daily management of the Hospital”. Originally, when the MSJMC Act was passed, the Hospital was conceptualised as a privately run institution that was being managed by a private company. This is no longer the case. The Ministry of Health, and the Minister of Health, now play a greater role in the functioning of the MSJMC. Hence, subsection (2) of section 10 is no longer required.

The full text of the section is provided here.

### **“10. Policy directions by Minister and daily management of the Hospital.**

*(1) The Minister may give general directions as to the policy to be followed by the Board in the performance of its functions as appear to the Minister to be necessary in the public interest, and the Board shall give effect to those directions.*

*(2) The Minister shall not direct the Board, its officers, servants or agents on the manner in which it manages the daily operation of the hospital.”*

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