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I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General.

29th April, 2022.

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AN ACT to amend the Immigration and Passport Act 2014 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 Immigration and Passport (Amendment) Act, 2022.

2. Interpretation

In this Act,

“principal Act” means the Immigration and Passport Act, 2014 No. 6 of 2014

3. Amendment of section 24A – Grant of Amnesty

Section 24A of the principal Act is repealed and replaced as follows –

“24A. Grant of Amnesty

(1) A person who is residing in Antigua and Barbuda as an illegal immigrant, may apply to the Minister for grant of amnesty.

(2) The application shall:

- (a) be submitted at the Immigration Department during the amnesty period being March 1st, 2022 to April 30th, 2022; and
- (b) be accompanied by a processing fee of \$200.00.

(3) The Minister, after consultation with the Chief Immigration Officer, may grant the application for amnesty.

(4) A person whose application for amnesty has been approved shall within 14 days of such approval attend the Immigration Department to have his status in Antigua and Barbuda regularised and to apply for an extension of time.

(5) For the purpose of this section –

- (a) “amnesty” is an act of pardon done under the authority of the Government that gives an illegal immigrant, during the amnesty period, an opportunity to become a legal immigrant lawfully residing in Antigua and Barbuda.
- (b) “regularise” is the process whereby any period during which a person resided illegally in Antigua and Barbuda prior to the grant of amnesty is disregarded such that the person is no longer liable to suffer any consequence under the Act for the period that he was illegally residing in Antigua and Barbuda.”

4. Commencement

This amendment shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of March 2022.

Passed the House of Representatives on
The 15th day of March, 2022.

Passed the Senate on the 28th day of
March, 2022.

Gerald Watt, Q.C.,
Speaker.

Osbert Frederick,
Vice President.

A. Peters,
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

A. Peters,
Clerk to the Senate.