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I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General.

30th, September, 2024

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AN ACT to amend the Misuse of Drugs Act, Cap. 283 to provide for an increase in the penalty for the possession of cannabis and to remove the provision that regulates the issuing of violation tickets.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act, 2024.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, "principal Act" means the Misuse of Drugs Act, Cap. 283.

3. Amendment of Section 2 -Interpretation

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the definition of "violation ticket" in its entirety.

4. Amendment of Section 6B - Restriction on possession

Section 6B of the principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (1), by repealing subsection (1) in its entirety and replacing it as follows –

"(1) Notwithstanding section 6A, a person who –

(a) smokes any part of the plant genus Cannabis in a public place; or

(b) being the owner, occupier or concerned with the management of premises that falls within the definition of public place knowingly permits another to sell, supply or smoke Cannabis or Cannabis resin commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand ($2,000.) dollars."

(c) by repealing subsection (2) in its entirety.

5. Amendment of section 13A - Regulations for violation tickets

Section 13A of the principal Act is amended by repealing Section 13A in its entirety.

Passed the House of Representatives on
The 16th day of September, 2024.

Gerald Watt, Q. C.,
Speaker

Rosemarie Weston,
Clerk to the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate on the 23rd day of
September, 2024.

Alincia Williams-Grant,
President

Rosemarie Weston,
Clerk to the Senate