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AN ACT to amend the Limitation Act 1997, No. 8 of 1997 to set the time limited for the commencement of actions in the Industrial Court 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 Limitation (Amendment) Act 2026.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

"principal Act" means the Limitation Act 1997, No. 8 of 1997.

3. Amendment of section 7A

Section 7A of the principal Act is repealed and replaced as follows –

“7A. Time limit for actions before the Industrial Court

No action may be brought or proceedings commenced before the Industrial Court after the expiration of six years from the date on which the cause of action accrued or the matter giving rise to the proceedings occurred.”

Passed by the House of Representatives on	Passed the Senate on the	day of
The	day of	, 2026

Speaker

President

Clerk to the House of Representatives

Clerk to the Senate

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Limitation Act 1997, No. 8 of 1997. The Bill contains 3 Clauses as follows –

Clauses 1 and 2 Short title and Interpretation which are standard clauses.

Clauses 3 amendment of section 7A.

Section 7A was inserted into the principal Act by the Limitation (Amendment) Act 2022, No. 6 of 2022. This amendment, however, only set a limit on the time for bringing trade disputes before the industrial court. However, in accordance with section 7 of the Industrial Court Act, trade dispute is only one area of industrial relations over which the Industrial Court has jurisdiction.

The amendment creates certainty and promotes justice in the affairs of employers and employees.

Section 7 is outlined below.

**Jurisdiction of
Court.**

- 7. (1)** The Court shall have jurisdiction—
- (a)* to hear and determine trade disputes referred to it under this Act;
 - (b)* to enjoin a trade union or other organisation of employees or other persons or an employer from taking or continuing industrial action;
 - (c)* to hear and determine any complaints brought in accordance with this Act as well as such matters as may from time to time be referred to it under this Act.

*Honourable Sir Steadroy C. O. Benjamin,
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