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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILL

AN ACT to amend the Sexual Offences Act,
Chap. 11:28 and for other related matters

THE SEXUAL OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL,
2021

Explanatory Notes

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28. The Bill contains six clauses.

Clause 1 of the Bill would provide for the short title of the Act for which this is the Bill.

Clause 2 of the Bill would provide that the Act shall come into operation on such date as is fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Clause 3 of the Bill would provide for the interpretation of the words “the Act” to mean the Sexual Offences Act, Chap. 11:28.

Clause 4 of the Bill would amend section 48 of the Act by inserting a new subsection 8 to provide for the Commissioner of Police to update the information in relation to the sex offender or registered sex offender on the website without delay where there is a change in the information on the sex offender or registered sex offender.

Clause 5 of the Bill would amend section 56(2) of the Act to delete the word “offence” and substitute the word “sentence” to correct a reference.

Clause 6 of the Bill would amend section 57 of the Act to provide for the Commissioner of Police to update the website where there is a change in the information on the sex offender. It provides for the information provided by the registered sex offender to be verified before it is entered on the Register. It also provides for the Commissioner of Police to update the information on the website within three days of the change of information being recorded.

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Arrangement of Clauses

Clause

1. Short title
2. Commencement
3. Interpretation
4. Section 48 amended
5. Section 56 amended
6. Section 57 amended

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the Sexual Offences Short title
(Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2021.
- 2.** This Act comes into operation on such date as is Commencement
fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Interpretation
Chap. 11:28

3. In this Act, “the Act” means the Sexual Offences Act.

Section 48 amended

4. Section 48 of the Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (4)(a)(iii), by inserting the words “sex and” before the word “photograph”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (7) the following new subsection:

“(8) Where there is a change in the information published on the website in relation to a sex offender or registered sex offender the Commissioner of Police shall, without delay, update the information on the website in relation to that sex offender or registered sex offender.”.

Section 56 amended

5. Section 56 of the Act is amended in subsection (2), by deleting the word “offence” and substituting the word “sentence”.

Section 57 amended

6. Section 57 of the Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (3), by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) within seven days of the receipt of the information, verify that the information provided by the registered sex offender is correct before he enters it into the Register.”;

(b) in subsection (4)—

(i) in paragraph (a), by deleting the word “receipt” and substituting the word “verification”; and

(ii) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) within three days of recording the change, forward the information to the Commissioner of Police who shall, without delay, update the information on the website referred to in section 48.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this
day of , 2021.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

Passed in the Senate this day of ,
2021.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

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