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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 26 of 2020

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Cinematograph Act, Chap. 20:10, the Registration of Clubs Act, Chap. 21:01, the Theatres and Dance Halls Act, Chap. 21:03, the Family Law (Guardianship of Minors, Domicile and Maintenance) Act, Chap. 46:08, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, the Bills of Sale Act, Chap. 82:32, the Moneylenders Act, Chap. 84:04, the Pawnbrokers Act, Chap. 84:05, the Licensing of Dealers (Precious Metals and Stones) Act, Chap. 84:06 and the Old Metal and Marine Stores Act, Chap. 84:07 in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and for related matters

[Assented to 18th December, 2020]

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the Miscellaneous Provisions [2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No. 2) Act, 2020.
Commencement	2. This Act shall come into effect on such date as is set by the President by Proclamation.
Chap. 20:10 amended	3. The Cinematograph Act is amended— (a) by renumbering section 7A as 7A(1) and in 7A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and (b) by inserting after section 7A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection: “(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”.
Chap. 21:01 amended	4. The Registration of Clubs Act is amended— (a) by renumbering section 7A as 7A(1) and in 7A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and (b) by inserting after section 7A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection: “(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”.

5. The Theatres and Dance Halls Act is amended— Chap. 21:03
amended

- (a) by renumbering section 3A as 3A(1), and in 3A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and
- (b) by inserting after section 3A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”.

6. The Family Law (Guardianship of Minors, Domicile and Maintenance) Act is amended in Chap. 46:08
amended
section 27 by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following new subsections:

“27. (1) If, at any time after the expiration of one month from the making of a maintenance order made by a Court in respect of a minor under this Act, it appears to a Judge, Master, District Court Judge or Justice of the district in which the order was made, upon oath, that any sum to be paid in pursuance of the order has not been paid, the Judge, Master, District Court Judge or Justice may, upon application of the Collecting Officer by—

- (a) summons, cause the person under the obligation to make a payment to appear before the Court for a hearing to answer for the breach of the order to pay; or
- (b) warrant under his hand, cause the person under obligation to make payment

in pursuance of the order (hereinafter in this section referred to as “the defendant”) to be brought before the Court.

(1A) Subsection (1)(a) would cease to apply on 31st March, 2021 or such later date as the Attorney General may, by Order, specify.”.

Chap 48:50 amended **7. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act is amended—**

(a) in section 19, by repealing subsection (7) and substituting the following subsections:

“(7) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Act and subject to subsection (8), any transfer of registration required to be completed on or before 31st December, 2020 may be completed on or before 31st March, 2021.

(8) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (7).”;

(b) by repealing section 61B and substituting the following section:

“Continuation
of validity 61B. (1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Act and subject to subsection (2), any driving permit, taxi driver licence, badge, certificate or other document issued by the Licensing Authority which expires on or before 31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021.

(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”

7A. The Bills of Sales Act is amended in—

Chap. 82:32
amended

(a) in section 9A—

(i) in subsection (1), by—

(A) deleting the words “31st July, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020”; and

(B) deleting the words “31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st March, 2021”; and

(ii) in subsection (2), by deleting the words “31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December 2020”;

(b) section 17A by—

(i) in subsection (1), by—

(A) deleting the words “31st July, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020”; and

(B) deleting the words “31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st March, 2021”; and

(ii) in subsection (3), by deleting the words “31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December 2020”.

Chap. 84:04
amended

8. The Moneylenders Act is amended—

(a) by renumbering section 3A as 3A(1) and in 3A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and

(b) by inserting after section 3A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”.

Chap. 84:05
amended

9. The Pawnbrokers Act is amended by—

(a) renumbering section 32A as 32A(1) and in 32A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and

(b) inserting after section 32A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”.

Chap. 84:06
amended

10. The Licensing of Dealers (Precious Metals and Stones) Act is amended—

(a) in subsection 4(4), by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (4), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(5) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (4).”.

11. The Old Metal and Marine Stores Act is Chap. 84:07
amended amended—

(a) by renumbering section 4A as 4A(1) and in 4A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and

(b) by inserting after section 4A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 4th day of December, 2020.

J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL

Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 8th day of December, 2020.

B. CAESAR

Clerk of the Senate

Senate amendments were agreed to by the House of Representatives this 11th day of December, 2020.

J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL

Clerk of the House