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THE IMMIGRATION (ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION) BILL, 2006

Explanatory Note

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

The Bill seeks to place an obligation on the master of every ship, boat, aircraft or other air and sea carrier bringing passengers to Trinidad and Tobago, to provide to the Chief Immigration Officer the information contained in the travel documents of such passengers. The Bill would require this information to be provided prior to the departure of the vessel from its last port of call.

A penalty would be imposed for breach of the requirement of the Bill.

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Enactment

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Immigration (Advance Passenger Information) Act, 2006.

Interpretation
Chap. 18:01

2. In this Act—

"master" means a person having command or charge of any vessel;

"Minister" means the Minister to whom responsibilty for national security is assigned;

"vessel" includes any ship, boat, aircraft or other floating or airborne contrivance.

Duty to provide advance passenger information

3. (1) Subject to subsection 2, the master of every vessel destined for Trinidad and Tobago, prior to departure of the vessel from the last port of call before Trinidad and Tobago, shall provide to the Chief Immigration Officer such advance passenger information as the Minister may, by Regulations, prescribe.

(2) Subsection (1) applies only to ships exceeding one hundred net tons.

(3) A master who intentionally or recklessly—

(a) fails to transmit the data required by subsection (1); or

(b) transmits incomplete or false data,

commits an offence and is liable to a fine of six hundred thousand dollars.

(4) The Minister may by Order waive the requirements of subsection (1).

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2006.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this day of , 2006.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

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