

THE LEGAL PROFESSION (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL, 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bill seeks to amend the Legal Profession Act, No. 21 of 1986 (“the Act”) to allow Trinidad and Tobago to conform to its Treaty obligations under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy.

Clause 1 states the short title of the Bill.

Clause 2(a) seeks to amend section 15 of the Act in subsection (1)(a) by inserting after the words “Commonwealth citizen”, the words “or a CARICOM national”. This clause would, therefore, remove the restriction that permits only qualified Commonwealth citizens to be eligible to be admitted by the High Court to practise as attorneys-at-law in Trinidad and Tobago.

Clause 2(b) seeks to define “CARICOM national” by inserting a new subsection (4A) in the Act.

BILL

AN ACT to amend the Legal Profession Act, 1986

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

Short title 1. This Act may be cited as the Legal Profession (Amendment) Act, 2007.

Section 15 of
Act No. 21 of
1986 amended

2. Section 15 of the Legal Profession Act is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1), by inserting after the words “Commonwealth citizen”, the words “or a CARICOM national”;
- (b) by inserting after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“(4A) In this section, “CARICOM national” means a person who –

- (a) is a citizen of a CARICOM Member State; or
- (b) has a connection with that State of a kind which entitles the person to be regarded as belonging to or, if it be so expressed, as being a native or resident of the State for the purposes of the law thereof relating to immigration.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this day of , 2007.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2007.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate