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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **BILL**

AN ACT to amend the Administration of Justice  
(Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, Chap. 5:34

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC  
ACID) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

**Explanatory Note**

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

The Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) (Amendment) Bill (“the Bill”) proposes to amend the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, Chap. 5:34 (“the Act”) to include Deoxyribonucleic Acid (“DNA”) sampling requirements for foreign terrorist fighters and returnees from areas where acts of terrorism have occurred or is occurring, thereby strengthening national security and counter-terrorism efforts. The objective of this Bill is to extend DNA sampling under the Act and to align the provisions of the Act with the Anti-Terrorism Act, Chap. 12:07, thereby enabling the identification and DNA sampling of individuals posing elevated security risks upon entry or re-entry to Trinidad and Tobago from regions affected by terrorism.

The Bill comprises four clauses.

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

Clause 2 would provide for the interpretation of the words “the Act” to mean the Administration of Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act, Chap. 5:34.

Clause 3 would insert in section 4, in the interpretation section in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the words “foreign terrorist fighter” and “returnee”. The objective of including these additional definitions is to extend DNA sampling to these two specific categories, thereby operationalising the proposed amendment to section 16(1) of the Act.

Clause 4 would amend section 16 of the Act, by inserting in subsection (1) the expansion of DNA sampling to the categories defined in clause 3, as well as to strengthen national security and counter-terrorism efforts.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Administration of Short title  
Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) (Amendment) Act, 2026.

2. In this Act, “the Act” means the Administration of Interpretation  
Justice (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Act.

Chap. 12:07

“returnee” means a person who is entering Trinidad and Tobago from a declared geographical area where terrorist acts have occurred or are occurring and who was detained in a facility, camp or place of detention in that declared geographical area;”.

Section 16 amended

Passed in the House of Representatives this       day  
of                      , 2026.

I confirm the above.

Passed in the Senate this      day of      , 2026.

I confirm the above.

*President of the Senate*

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