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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 66 of 2000**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend certain laws affecting children

*[Assented to 12th October, 2000]*

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Short title Miscellaneous  
Provisions (Children) Act, 2000. and commencement

(2) This Act comes into operation on such date as the President may by Proclamation appoint, and different days may be appointed for different provisions of this Act.

## PART II

### THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ACT, CHAP. 1:50

Interpretation  
Chap. 1:50

**2.** In this Part, “the Act” means the Citizenship of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Act.

Section 6  
amended

**3.** The Act is amended in section 6 by deleting the words “the male adopter” and substituting the words “either of the adopters”.

## PART III

### THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ACT, CHAP. 11:02

Interpretation  
Chap. 11:02

**4.** In this Part, “the Act” means the Summary Offences Act.

Section 5  
amended

**5.** The Act is amended in section 5(1) by deleting the word “fourteen” and substituting the word “eighteen”.

## PART IV

### THE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (OFFENDERS NOT OVER SIXTEEN) ACT, CHAP. 13:03

Interpretation  
Chap. 13:03

**6.** In this Part, “the Act” means the Corporal Punishment (Offenders Not Over Sixteen) Act.

Act repealed

**7.** The Act is repealed.

## PART V

THE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (OFFENDERS OVER SIXTEEN)  
ACT, CHAP. 13:04

**8.** In this Part, “the Act” means the Corporal Punishment (Offenders Over Sixteen) Act. Interpretation  
Chap. 13:04

**9.** The long title of the Act is amended by deleting the word “Sixteen” and substituting the word “Eighteen”. Long title amended

**10.** The short title of the Act is amended by deleting the word “Sixteen” and substituting the word “Eighteen”. Short title amended

**11.** Section 2 of the Act is amended by deleting the word “Sixteen” and substituting the word “Eighteen”. Section 2  
amended

## PART VI

## THE YOUNG OFFENDERS DETENTION ACT, CHAP. 13:05

**12.** In this Part, “the Act” means the Young Offenders Detention Act. Interpretation  
Chap. 13:05

**13.** Section 13 of the Act is repealed. Section 13  
repealed

## PART VII

## THE DEFENCE ACT, CHAP. 14:01

**14.** In this Part, “the Act” means the Defence Act. Interpretation  
Chap. 14:01

**15.** Section 19 of the Act is amended— Section 19  
amended

(a) in subsection (1) by deleting from the words “he is satisfied” to the words “to be enlisted” and substituting the following words:

“he is satisfied—

(i) by that person that he has been given such a notice, understands it, and wishes to be enlisted;

(ii) subject to subsection (2), that the person has not attained the age of sixteen years.”;

(b) in subsection (2) by deleting the words “under the age of eighteen years” and substituting the words “between the ages of sixteen years and eighteen years”.

### PART VIII

#### THE AGE OF MAJORITY ACT, CHAP. 46:06

Interpretation  
Chap. 46:06

**16.** In this Part, “the Act” means the Age of Majority Act.

Act amended

**17.** Section 5 of the Act is amended by repealing subsection (5).

### PART IX

#### THE FAMILY LAW (GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS, DOMICILE AND MAINTENANCE) ACT, CHAP. 46:08

Interpretation  
Chap. 46:08

**18.** In this Part, “the Act” means the Family Law (Guardianship of Minors, Domicile and Maintenance) Act.

Section 16  
amended

**19.** Section 16 of the Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (3) by deleting from the words “Subject to subsection (4)” to the words “repealed by this Act” and substituting the following “Where a person has ceased to be a minor but has not attained the age of twenty-one”; and

(b) by repealing subsection (4).

Section 19  
amended

**20.** Section 19 of the Act is amended by—

(a) deleting the full-stop in paragraph (e); and

(b) inserting after paragraph (e), the following paragraphs:

“(f) the manner in which the minor was educated or trained and the manner in which the parents expected him to be so educated or trained;

(g) the standard of living enjoyed by the family while the members of the family resided together.”.

21. Section 25 of the Act is amended by repealing subsection (8) and substituting the following subsections: Section 25 amended

“ (8) The term to be specified in any order made under paragraph (c) or (d) of subsection (1) shall be such term as the Court thinks fit except that the term shall not begin earlier than the date of the making of the application for the order and shall not extend beyond the death of the minor.

(8A) Where an order is made under subsection (1)(a) and the marriage of the parties affected by the order is subsequently dissolved or annulled but the order continues in force, the order shall, notwithstanding anything in it, cease to have effect on the remarriage of the party in whose favour it was made, except in relation to any arrears due under the order on the date of the remarriage.

(8B) The provisions of section 16 shall, with the exception of references to sections 13, 14 and 15, apply *mutatis mutandis* to an order made under paragraph (c) or (d) of subsection (1).”.

## PART X

## THE LIQUOR LICENCES ACT, CHAP. 84:10

Interpretation  
Chap. 84:10

**22.** In this Part, “the Act” means the Liquor Licences Act.

Act amended

**23.** The Act is amended in section 60, by deleting the word “sixteen” and substituting the word “eighteen”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 27th day of September, 2000.

D. DOLLY  
*Acting Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 3rd day of October, 2000.

N. COX  
*Clerk of the Senate*