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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 38 of 1976

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Interpretation Act, 1962.

[Assented to 18th June, 1976]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, ^{Enactment} by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Interpretation (Amend- ^{Short title} ment) Act, 1976.

Section 8 of Interpretation Act repealed Act No. 2 of 1962

2. The Interpretation Act, 1962 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") is amended by repealing Section 8.

Section 11(2) of the Act amended.

3. Section 11(2) of the Act is amended by substituting the words "it has effect for the time being in Trinidad and Tobago" for the words "as it applies for the time being in this Territory" occurring therein.

Section 45 of the Act amended.

4. Section 45 of the Act is amended—

(a) by deleting paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1);

(b) by substituting the words "of the House of Representatives", for the words "of the House," occurring in line two of subsection (5) and by substituting the words "of the House of Representatives" for the words "of the House," occurring in the last line of the said subsection;

(c) by repealing subsection (6) and replacing it as follows—

"(6) The expression "subject to negative resolution of Parliament," when used in relation to any statutory instruments or statutory documents means that those instruments or documents shall, as soon as may be after they are made, but within the prescribed period, be laid before each chamber of Parliament. Where either chamber within the prescribed period resolves that any of those instruments or documents shall be annulled, that instrument or document is void as from the date of the resolution, but without prejudice to the validity of any thing done thereunder or to the making of a new instrument or document;"

(d) by repealing subsection (7) and replacing it as follows—

"(7) The expression "subject to negative resolution of the House of Representatives," when used in relation to any statutory instruments or

statutory documents, means that those instruments or documents shall as soon as may be after they are made, be laid before the House of Representatives. Where the House of Representatives within the prescribed period resolves that any of those instruments or documents shall be annulled, that instrument or document is void as from the date of the resolution, but without prejudice to the validity of any thing done thereunder or to the making of a new instrument or document;”;

(e) by adding immediately after subsection (7) the following new subsection—

“(8) “prescribed period” means the period prescribed by the Standing Orders of the Senate or the House of Representatives, or both, as the case may require.”.

5. By adding in its appropriate alphabetical order in Section 50 the following new definition—

Section 50 of
the Act
amended.

““the Commonwealth” means Trinidad and Tobago, any country to which section 18 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago applies and any dependency of any such country.”.

6. Section 58 of the Act is amended by substituting the words “that has effect as part of the law of Trinidad and Tobago” for the words “that is extended or applied to this Territory” occurring therein.

Section 58 of
the Act
amended.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 12th day of June, 1976.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 15th day of June, 1976.

R. L. GRIFFITH
Clerk of the Senate

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