

Second Session Second Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Act No. 2 of 1983

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act, Chap. 7:02

[Assented to 8th February, 1983]

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Evidence (Amend- Short title
ment) Act, 1983.

Section 19 of
Chap. 7:02
amended

2. Section 19 of the Evidence Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") is amended—

(a) by inserting immediately after subsection (2) the following subsection—

“(2A) Where medical evidence is contained in a report signed by—

(a) a District Medical Officer, and the evidence—

(i) relates to a fatality; and

(ii) is being led in criminal proceedings or in an inquest; or

(b) a registered medical practitioner and the evidence does not relate to a fatality,

the report shall be admitted as if it were the report of a Government expert within the meaning of this section.”;

(b) by substituting for subsection (4) the following—

“(4) In this section—

“Government expert” means the following public officers—

(a) Senior Pathologist;

(b) Pathologist;

(c) Government Chemist;

(d) Armourer; and

(e) the holder of any other office declared by the President by notification published

in the *Gazette* to
be an officer to
which this section
applies;

“report” includes a post mor-
tem report.”

3. Section 38(1) of the Act is amended by repealing Section 38(1)
of the Act
amended
and replacing paragraph (a) as follows—

“(a) a previous inconsistent or contradictory
statement made by a person called as a
witness in those proceedings is proved
by virtue of section 5, 6 or 7;”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 7th day
of January, 1983.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 25th day of January, 1983.

R. L. GRIFFITH
Clerk of the Senate