SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

No. of 2019

A BILL to amend the Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act, No. 14 of 2014.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) (Amendment) Act, 2019.

2. Interpretation.

In this Act,

"Act" means the Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act, No. 14 of 2014.

3. Amendment of section 4.

The Act is amended in section 4 by

- (a) in subsection (1), replacing the expression "and that person is not, since" with the expression "and that person has not, since";
- (b) in subsection (5), by replacing paragraph (a) as follows "(a) the combined sentences imposed was imprisonment for a sum total term not exceeding three years; or";
- (c) adding a new subsection (8) as follows
- "4(8). The offence shall be treated as spent and the criminal record shall, with immediate effect, be expunged for a person
 - (a) who is convicted under section 6B of the Drugs (Prevention & Abatement of the Misuse and Abuse of Drugs) Act, Cap. 9.08; or
 - (b) who is convicted of an offence or offences involving the drug Cannabis or Cannabis resin in a quantity of 15 grams or less.

| 4. Amendment of First Schedule. |
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| The Act is amended in the First Schedule by replacing the expression "A sentence of |
| imprisonment exceeding 6 months but exceeding 18 months" with "A sentence of imprisonment |
| exceeding 6 months but not exceeding 18 months". |

| | A. MICHAEL PERKINS Speaker | |
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| Passed by the National Assembly this | day of | , 2019. |
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