

## OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Interpretation Act*, Cap. 1 to make provision for the use of and the interpretation of shoulder notes which will be used in statutes and other enactments in place of marginal notes when a new system for the modernization of the drafting of legislation is introduced.

### *Arrangement of Sections*

#### *Section*

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 12 of Cap. 1.

**BARBADOS**

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Interpretation Act*.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the *Interpretation (Amendment) Act*, Short title. 2012.

Amend-  
ment of  
section 12  
of Cap. 1.

2. Section 12 of the *Interpretation Act* is amended

- (a) in subsection (2), by inserting the words ", shoulder notes" immediately after the words "marginal notes" appearing at the beginning of that subsection; and
- (b) by inserting the following subsections as subsections (3) and (4):

"(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), where a marginal note or a shoulder note is inaccurate, misleading or incorrect, that marginal note or shoulder note may be amended by Parliament even though the provision to which the note applies is not being amended.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "shoulder note" means a note placed at the head of a section or other provision to indicate the subject, contents or effect of the section or other provision."