

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Land Tax Act* to make provision for the land tax measures set out in the Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals for 2011.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 6A of Cap. 78A.
3. Amendment of section 6B of Cap. 78A.
4. Amendment of section 6C of Cap. 78A.
5. Amendment of section 6D of Cap. 78A.
6. Insertion of new sections 6I and 6J in Cap. 78A.

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Land Tax Act*.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the *Land Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2012*. Short title.

Amend-
ment of
section 6A
of Cap.
78A.

2. Section 6A of the *Land Tax Act*, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by adding the following at the end of that section:

"; but the actual amount payable shall not exceed \$60,000."

Amend-
ment of
section 6B
of Cap.
78A.

3. Section 6B(1) of the principal Act is deleted and the following is substituted:

"(1) A pensioner shall pay tax at the rate specified under section 6(1), and with effect from 1st April 2011, where the tax is paid at the time prescribed in section 28, the actual amount payable shall be calculated on 50 per cent of the tax demanded."

Amend-
ment of
section 6C
of Cap.
78A.

4. Section 6C of the principal Act is deleted and the following is substituted:

"(6C) A hotel shall pay tax at the rate specified in section 6(1), and with effect from 1st April 2011, where the tax is paid at the time prescribed in section 28, the actual amount payable shall be calculated on 50 per cent of the tax demanded; but no such reduction shall be permitted unless it is a hotel within the meaning of section 2 of the *Tourism Development Act*."

Cap. 341.

5. Section 6D(1) of the principal Act is deleted and the following is substituted:

Amendment of section 6D of Cap. 78A.

"(1) The proprietor of a villa shall pay tax at the rate specified in section 6(1), and with effect from 1st April 2011, where the tax is paid at the time prescribed in section 28, the actual amount payable shall be calculated on 75 per cent of the tax demanded."

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new sections after section 6H:

Insertion of new sections 6I and 6J in Cap. 78A.

"Tax payable by manufacturers.

6I. With effect from 1st April 2012, where a company or an individual manufactures goods in any calendar year for export, the value of which is \$100, 000 or more, the amount of tax payable by that company or individual under section 6(1) shall be calculated on 50 per cent of the tax demanded if,

- (a) the tax is paid at the time prescribed in section 28;
- (b) the Ministry responsible for Industry certifies that the company or individual is engaged in the manufacture of goods for export, the value of which is \$100,000 or more; and
- (c) the Comptroller of Customs and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue certifies that no tax is outstanding by the company or individual under the *Value Added Tax Act* and the *Income Tax Act* respectively.

Cap. 87.
Cap. 73.

Tax payable
by
businesses
involved in
solar
energy.

6J. With effect from 1st April 2012, where a company or an individual is engaged in the production of solar energy or the manufacture of goods to be used in the production of solar energy, the amount of tax payable by that company or individual under section 6 (1) shall be calculated on 50 per cent of the tax demanded if,

- (a) the tax is paid at the time prescribed in section 28;
- (b) the Ministry responsible for Energy certifies that the company or individual is engaged in the production of solar energy or the manufacture of goods to be used in the production of solar energy; and
- (c) the Comptroller of Customs and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue certifies that no tax is outstanding by the company or individual under the *Value Added Tax Act* and the *Income Tax Act* respectively."

Cap. 87.
Cap. 73.

Commence-
ment.

8. The amendment directed to be made to section 6A of the principal Act by section 2 of this Act shall have effect from 20th December, 2007.