

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Insurance Act*, Cap. 310 to permit insurance companies to issue policies denominated in foreign currencies in certain circumstances.

Arrangement of Sections

Section

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new section 166A into Cap. 310.

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Insurance Act*.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the *Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2006*. Short title.

2. The *Insurance Act* is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 166: Insertion of
new section
166A into
Cap. 310.

166A. (1) Where

(a) a policy relating to the coverage of major medical health care is issued by an insurance company in Barbados; and

"Currency in which major medical policies may be paid.

- (b) the policy is issued to a person residing in Barbados or within the CARICOM Single Market and Economy,

a claim relating to that policy may be paid in the currency of the United States of America or in the currency of any other country where

- (i) the approval of the Minister was sought before the policy was issued for the claims to be so paid; and
- (ii) the insurance company satisfies the conditions specified in subsection (2).

(2) Where an insurance company

- (a) intends to issue a policy referred to in subsection (1), the insurance company must satisfy the Minister, before the policy is issued, that the required foreign currency would be available to meet claims arising under the policy; and
- (b) issues a policy referred to in subsection (1), section 103 shall apply to the policy."