

## OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend certain enactments relating to international business to give effect to the economic and financial policies proposed by the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance for the year 2006 with respect to international business.

### *Arrangement of Sections*

#### *Section*

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of enactments set out in the *Schedule*.

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend certain enactments relating to international business.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the *International Business* Short title.  
*(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2007.*

2. The enactments set out in Column 1 of the *Schedule* are amended Amendment  
of  
enactments  
set out in the  
Schedule.  
in the manner specified opposite thereto in Column 2 of the *Schedule*.

## SCHEDULE

*(Section 2)*

Column 1	Column 2
<i>Enactments</i>	<i>Amendments</i>
1. <i>International Business Companies Act, Cap. 77.</i>	In section 12(2) delete the words "or fees" appearing immediately before paragraph (a) and substitute the words ", fees and any other emoluments".
2. <i>Exempt Insurance Act, Cap. 308A.</i>	In section 34(2) delete the words "or fees" appearing immediately before paragraph (a) and substitute the words ", fees and any other emoluments".
3. <i>Insurance Act, Cap. 310.</i>	In section 183A(2) delete the words "or fees" appearing immediately before paragraph (a) and substitute the words ", fees and any emoluments".
4. <i>International Financial Services Act, Cap. 325.</i>	In section 101(2) delete the words "or fees" appearing immediately before paragraph (a) and substitute the words ", fees and any other emoluments".

*Enactments*

5. *International Business Companies Regulations, 1992.*  
S.I. 1992 No. 21.

*Amendments*

1. In regulation 4,  
(a) delete paragraph (1) and substitute the following paragraph:

"(1) For the purposes of section 12, and subject to paragraph (3) of this regulation, the tax concessions allowed in respect of income tax payable by specially qualified individuals in respect of the salary, fees or any other emoluments of those individuals are as follows:

- (a) on amounts not exceeding \$150 000 ... .. 35 per cent;  
(b) on amounts exceeding \$150 000 but not exceeding \$500 000 ... 50 per cent;  
(c) on amounts exceeding \$500 000 ... .. 60 per cent";  
and  
(b) add immediately after paragraph (2) the following as paragraphs (3), (4) and (5):

"(3) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply unless the individual referred to in that paragraph is in receipt of a valid work permit for employment in Barbados for a period of not less than 3 years.

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6. *Exempt Insurance (Tax Concessions) Regulations, 1986.*  
*S.I. 1986 No. 126.*

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(4) Where the individual referred to in paragraph (1) is in receipt of a valid work permit in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3), the individual may, after the period of 3 years specified in that paragraph has elapsed, be entitled to the tax concessions for a further period of 3 years on the satisfaction of the Minister responsible for Immigration that the special skills of that individual have been transferred to Barbadians or nationals of a Member State.

(5) The unexpired portion of the work permit of an individual who is in receipt of tax concessions under this regulation may, with the permission of the Minister responsible for Immigration, be transferred in respect of that individual, to another international business."

1. Delete regulation (2) and substitute the following:

"2. (1) For the purposes of section 34, the tax concessions in respect of income tax payable on the salary, fees or any other emoluments by the specially qualified persons referred to in that section, are as follows:

- (a) on amounts not exceeding \$150 000 ... ..  
... .. 35 per cent;

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(b) on amounts exceeding \$150 000 but not exceeding \$500 000 ... ..  
.... 50 per cent;

(c) on amounts exceeding \$500 000 ... 60 per cent.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply unless the specially qualified person is in receipt of a valid work permit for employment in Barbados for a period of not less than 3 years.

(3) Where the specially qualified person is in receipt of a valid work permit in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2), that person may after the period of 3 years specified in that paragraph has elapsed, be entitled to the tax concessions for a further 3 years on the satisfaction of the Minister responsible for Immigration that the special skills of the specially qualified person have been transferred to Barbadians or nationals of a Member State.

(4) The unexpired portion of the work permit of a person who is in receipt of the tax concessions under this regulation may with the permission of the Minister responsible for Immigration, be transferred in respect of that person to another international business."

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7. *Insurance (Qualifying Insurance)(Tax Concessions) Regulations, 1998.*  
*S.I. 1998 No. 141.*

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Delete regulation 2 and substitute the following:

"2. (1) For the purposes of section 183A, the tax concessions to be granted in respect of income tax payable by specially qualified individuals on the salary, fees or any other emoluments of those individuals are as follows:

- (a) on amounts not exceeding \$150 000 ... ..  
 ... .. 35 per cent;
- (b) on amounts exceeding \$150 000 but not exceeding \$500 000 ... ..  
 ... .. 50 per cent;
- (c) on amounts exceeding \$500 000 ... .. 60 per cent;

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply unless the individual referred to in that paragraph is in receipt of a valid work permit for employment in Barbados for a period of not less than 3 years.