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OBJECTS AND REASONS

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Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Insertion of sections 60D and 60E into Cap. 87

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Value Added Tax Act*, Cap. 87 to provide, among other things, for a write-off of certain outstanding tax and of penalties and interest incurred in respect of arrears of tax.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2019*.

Insertion of sections 60D and 60E into Cap. 87

2. *The Value Added Tax Act, Cap. 87 is amended by inserting after section 60C, the following sections:*

“Write-off of taxes, penalties and interest for the years 1996 to 2000

60D. Where an amount payable to the Revenue Commissioner as tax or as a penalty or interest in respect of arrears of tax for the years 1996 to 2000 is outstanding, the amount is written off.

Waiver of penalties and interest for the years 2001 to 2017

60E.(1) Subject to subsection (2), where an amount payable to the Revenue Commissioner as a penalty or interest in respect of arrears of tax for the years 2001 to 2017 is outstanding, the amount is waived.

(2) The waiver referred to in subsection (1) applies only where, in the period from 1st July, 2018 to 31st December, 2018, the person by whom the penalty or interest is payable

- (a) settles the arrears; or
- (b) enters into an agreement with the Barbados Revenue Authority to settle the arrears and remains compliant with the conditions of the agreement.”.