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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Police Act* to provide for the revision of the entry requirements for persons who enlist into the Royal Barbados Police Force.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 24 of Cap. 167

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Police Act* to provide for the revision of the entry requirements for person who enlist into the Royal Barbados Police Force.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2020*.

Amendment of section 24 of Cap. 167

2. *Section 24 of the Police Act, Cap. 167, is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following:*

- “(2). No person shall be enlisted who
- (a) is less than 19 years of age or more than 35 years of age, unless
 - (i) he has served previously for at least 2 years with a Police Force; or
 - (ii) he was engaged for at least 3 years as a special constable;
 - (b) does not satisfactorily pass a medical examination as to his bodily fitness to be held by the Police Medical Officer appointed for that purpose and, if the Governor-General thinks fit, by another duly qualified medical practitioner;
 - (c) does not produce satisfactory proof of good character;
 - (d) has not
 - (i) attained passes in at least 3 subjects
 - (A) at general proficiency in the Caribbean Examinations Council examination at grade 1, 2 or 3;
 - (B) at ordinary level in the General Certificate of Education; or
 - (C) in an examination equivalent to those referred to in the sub-paragraphs (A) and (B); or

- (ii) successfully completed the alternative course of study approved by the Ministry of Education and the Regional Police Training Centre; or
- (e) is not a Commonwealth citizen.”.