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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Interpretation Act*, Cap. 1 to make new provision for the gazetting of enactments, legal notices and general information of interest to the public.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 1
3. Amendment of section 43 of Cap. 1
4. Insertion of section 50A in Cap. 1

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Interpretation Act*, Cap. 1.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Interpretation (Amendment) Act, 2018*.

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 1

2. *Section 2 of the Interpretation Act, Cap. 1 in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by inserting the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical order:*

“ “printing” includes reproduction by electronic, digital or any other means;

“publication” includes publication by electronic means;”.

Amendment of section 43 of Cap. 1

3. *Section 43 of the principal Act is amended by*

(a) deleting the definition of “Gazette” or “Official Gazette” and substituting the following:

“ “Gazette” or “Official Gazette” means the *Official Gazette* published by order of the Government, whether printed or in electronic form and includes supplements thereto and any Gazette Extraordinary so published;”;

(b) deleting the definition of “Government Printer” and substituting the following:

“ “Government Printer” means any person authorised to print enactments and other documents of the Government;”.

Insertion of section 50A in Cap. 1

4. *The principal Act is amended by inserting the following section immediately after section 50:*

“Publication of the *Official Gazette*

50A.(1) The *Official Gazette* may be published by any means and in any form and manner as the Minister determines.

(2) The *Official Gazette* may be published in such parts or divisions as the Minister thinks fit.”.