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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Airport Service Charge Act*, Cap. 59 to provide for an increase of the airport service charge.

Arrangement of Sections

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BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Airport Service Charge Act*, Cap. 59 to provide for an increase of the airport service charge.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Airport Service Charge (Amendment) Act, 2018*.

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 59

2. *Section 2 of the Airport Service Charge Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by*

(a) *deleting the definition of the word “Airport service charge” and the word “traveller”;*

(b) *inserting the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical order:*

“ “airport service charge” or “charge” means the charge imposed by section 3;

“Community” means the Caribbean Community established by Article 2 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas and includes the CARICOM Single Market and Economy signed at Nassau, the Bahamas on 5th July, 2001;” and

(c) *deleting the semi-colon appearing after the definition of the word “immigration officer” and substituting a full stop.*

Amendment of section 3 of Cap. 59

3. *Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and the following is substituted:*

“(1) There shall be imposed a charge to be known as the airport service charge and where a person travels from the Airport to a place

(a) within the Community, he shall pay the airport service charge of \$70; or

- (b) outside of the Community, he shall pay the airport service charge of \$140.”.

Repeal and replacement of section 4 of Cap. 59

4. *Section 4 of the principal Act is deleted and the following is substituted:*

“Duty of carrier

4.(1) A carrier transporting from Barbados to a place within the Community or outside of the Community, a person on whom the airport service charge is payable, shall collect the charge from that person and pay it over to the Collector after deducting for his own use a commission of 2.5 per cent of the amount of the charge.

(2) A carrier failing to collect the airport service charge as required by subsection (1) shall, notwithstanding that failure, pay to the Collector the amount of the charge required to be paid in accordance with subsection (1).

(3) The amount which a carrier is required to pay to the Collector pursuant to this section shall be due and payable without further demand immediately before the departure from the Airport of the aircraft transporting the person in respect of whom that amount is payable or within such period after the departure of the aircraft and in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed either generally or in any particular case.

(4) A carrier shall, in relation to the airport service charge, keep such records and furnish such returns in such form and to such persons as may be prescribed.

(5) A claim to entitlement to an exemption from the airport service charge pursuant to subsection (2) of section 3 which cannot be resolved

by the carrier shall be referred to an immigration officer and the decision of the immigration officer thereon shall, subject to section 8, be final.

(6) For the purpose of deciding a claim pursuant to subsection (5), an immigration officer may make such enquiries as he thinks fit.”.

Amendment of section 6 of Cap. 59

5. *Section 6 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (b) by deleting the word “travellers” and substituting the word “persons”.*

Commencement

6. *This Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 2018.*

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this
day of _____, 2018.

Speaker

Read three times and passed the Senate this _____ day of
, 2018.

President