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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Prisons Act, Cap. 168.* to make better provision for the grant of release orders to persons sentenced to imprisonment for life pursuant to section 2 of the *Offences Against the Person Act, Cap. 141.*

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 53 of Cap. 168

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

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

Amendment of section 53 of Cap. 168

2. *Section 53 of the Prisons Act, Cap. 168, is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following:*

“(2) A prisoner serving a term of imprisonment for life pursuant to section 2(4) of the *Offences Against the Person Act, Cap. 141* shall not be eligible for the grant of a release order unless he has served the minimum term of imprisonment specified by the Court pursuant to section 2(4) of the *Offences Against the Person Act.*”.

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

PRISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Prisons (Amendment) Bill, 2018* would amend the *Prisons Act, Cap. 168*, to make better provision for the grant of release orders to persons sentenced to imprisonment for life pursuant to section 2 of the *Offences Against the Person Act, Cap. 141*.

Clause 1: Clause 1 of the Bill states that the Act may be cited as the *Prisons (Amendment) Act, 2018*

Clause 2: Clause 2 of the Bill states that a prisoner serving a term of imprisonment for life pursuant to section 2(4) of the *Offences Against the Person Act, Cap. 141* shall not be eligible for the grant of a release order unless he has served the minimum term of imprisonment specified by the Court pursuant to section 2(4) of the *Offences Against the Person Act*. This harmonises the procedure for the eligibility for the grant of a release order under *Prisons Act, Cap. 168* and the *Offences Against the Person Act, Cap. 141*.