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**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill would amend the *Gold Award of Achievement Act*, Cap. 401 to provide for the conferment of the award on a group of persons and for related matters.

*Arrangement of Sections*

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 401
3. Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 401
4. Amendment of section 5 of Cap. 401
5. Amendment of section 7 of Cap. 401
6. Consequential amendment
7. Commencement

SCHEDULE

*CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT*

## **BARBADOS**

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Gold Award of Achievement Act*, Cap. 401.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

### **Short title**

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Gold Award of Achievement (Amendment) Act, 2021*.

**Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 401**

**2.** *The Gold Award of Achievement Act, Cap. 401, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting section 2 and substituting the following:*

**“Interpretation**

2.(1) In this Act,

“Award” means the award established by section 3;

“Independence Day” means the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November;

“National Heroes Day” means the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, reference to the term “person” includes a group of persons. ”.

**Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 401**

**3.** *The principal Act is amended by deleting section 4 and substituting the following:*

**“Conferment of Award**

4.(1) Subject to subsection (3), the President may by instrument under the Public Seal confer the Award upon a person referred to in section 5.

(2) The Award may be conferred annually on either Independence Day, National Heroes Day or both such days.

(3) The power conferred on the President by subsection (1) shall be exercised by him on the advice of the Prime Minister.

(4) The conferment of the Award shall take effect from the date of the affixing of the Public Seal or from such other date as may be specified in the instrument.”.

**Amendment of section 5 of Cap. 401**

**4.** *The principal Act is amended by deleting section 5 and substituting the following:*

**“Eligibility for conferment of Award**

**5.** A person who during the year preceding Independence Day or National Heroes Day through diligence, sacrifice, dedication to service and commitment to excellence has made an outstanding contribution to

- (a) community life in Barbados;
- (b) the improvement of the economic and social conditions of Barbados; or
- (c) the health and welfare of the people of Barbados,

is eligible for the conferment of the Award.”.

**Amendment of section 7 of Cap. 401**

**5.** *Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:*

“(1) Every person upon whom the Gold Award of Achievement has been conferred, whether individually or as a group, is entitled to have the letters "G.A." placed after his name on all occasions when the use of the letters after a name is customary.”.

**Consequential amendment**

**6.** *The enactment set out in Column 1 of the Schedule is amended in the manner specified in Column 2 of the Schedule.*

**Commencement**

**7.** *This Act shall come into operation on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.*

**SCHEDULE**

*(Section 6)*

*CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT*

**Column 1**

*Enactment*

*Barbados National Honours and Decorations Act, 2021 (Act 2021-23)*

**Column 2**

*Amendment*

Delete the words “section 8 of this Act” appearing in paragraph (e) of section 4(2) and substitute the words “this Act”.