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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Police Act*, Cap. 167 to provide for two Deputy Commissioners and for related matters.

Arrangement of Sections

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BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Police Act*, Cap. 167, to provide for two Deputy Commissioners and for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Police (Amendment) Act, 2020*.

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 167

2. *Section 2 of the Police Act, Cap. 167 in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended by deleting the definition of “gazetted police officer” and substituting the following:*

“ “gazetted police officer” means the Commissioner, any Deputy Commissioner or any Assistant Commissioner or Superintendent of Police;”.

Amendment of section 6 of Cap. 167

3. *Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “a Deputy Commissioner” and substituting the words “two Deputy Commissioners”.*

Amendment of section 9 of Cap. 167

4. *The principal Act is amended by deleting section 9 and substituting the following:*

“9. The Deputy Commissioners of Police shall act as assistants to the Commissioner in the performance of his duties in respect of the Force and may, during the absence or incapacity of the Commissioner or when so authorised by him, do or suffer any act or thing which may by law be done or suffered by the Commissioner.”.

Amendment of section 11 of Cap. 167

5. *The principal Act is amended by deleting section 11 and substituting the following:*

“11. The Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioners and every Assistant Commissioner and Superintendent of Police shall be *ex officio* Justices of the Peace in and for Barbados and shall take the oath of such Justice.”.

Amendment of section 14 of Cap. 167

6. *Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following:*

“(2) Such oath shall be taken by the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners before the Governor-General and by every other member of the Force before the Commissioner or a Justice of the Peace.”.

Commencement

7. *The amendment made by section 3 shall be deemed to have come into effect on the 1st day of May, 2019.*