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NUMBERING OF HOUSES ACT

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE NUMBERING OF CERTAIN HOUSES LOCATED IN CERTAIN AREAS; AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Numbering of Houses Act.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

“houses” means houses and buildings or any part thereof in all or any of the streets of the towns of Basseterre, Sandy Point and Charlestown and such other houses and buildings as the Minister may from time to time by Order made under section 6 declare to be houses within the meaning of this Act;

“Superintendent” means the officer for the time being performing the duties of Superintendent of Public Works of the State.

Numbering of houses.

3. (1) The Superintendent shall from time to time cause houses to be marked with numbers in such manner as may be approved by the Minister.

(2) The Superintendent shall cause such numbers to be affixed to or painted on a conspicuous part of every house.

(3) Houses shall be numbered free of cost to the owners thereof.

Power to enter and inspect.

4. For the purposes of this Act, the Superintendent, or any person authorised by him or her, may at all reasonable times enter any land upon which a house is situate and inspect the outside of such house.

Notice of removal or destruction of houses.

5. (1) The owner of any house which has been numbered as aforesaid who intends to remove or destroy such house shall, not less than three weeks before the date of such removal or destruction, give notice thereof in writing to the Superintendent.

(2) At any time after the receipt of a notice under subsection (1), the Superintendent may require the owner of the house to take down and deliver to him or her at his or her office any number which may have been affixed to such house.

(3) A notice required by subsection (1) to be given shall be deemed to be duly given to the Superintendent if it is left at his or her office with some person employed there, or sent by post addressed to him or her at his or her office.

Order adding to definition of houses.

6. The Minister may, from time to time, by Order, add any houses or buildings to the definition of houses contained in section 2.

Offences and penalty.

7. Any person who—

- (a) obstructs the Superintendent, or any person authorised by him or her, in the exercise of his or her powers under the provisions of this Act;
- (b) destroys, pulls down, or defaces any number as aforesaid or puts up any number different from the number put up by the Superintendent;
- (c) without having given the prescribed notice, removes or destroys any house to which subsection (1) of section 5 applies; or
- (d) fails to obey a requisition of the Superintendent under subsection (2) of section 5,

commits an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding six months.

(Amended by Act 9 of 1986)
