

and Nevis.



I assent,

SAMUEL WEYMOUTH TAPLEY SEATON

Governor-General

18th September, 2018.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

AN ACT to amend the Police Act, Cap. 19.07.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. **Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the Police (Amendment) Act, 2018.

2. **Interpretation.**

In this Act, "principal Act" means the Police Act, Cap. 19.07.

3. **Amendment of section 24.**

The principal Act is amended in section 24

- (a) by renumbering the section as section 24 subsection (1);
- (b) by replacing the expression "A subordinate police officer" with the expression "Subject to subsection (2), a subordinate police officer";
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(c) by inserting the following new subsections (2) and (3)

“(2) A subordinate police officer, constable, and special constable may, on attaining the age of fifty-five years, apply for an extension of his or her period of service on an annual basis up to the age of sixty.

(3) An extension of service, referred to in subsection (2), may be granted based on the

- (a) needs of the Police Force;
- (b) the performance of the officer including his or her professional conduct and behaviour;
- (c) the health of the officer, that is, he or she must be certified to

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be physically fit to continue service, after examination, by a Government Medical Officer; and

(d) any other terms or conditions prescribed by the Minister.”.

4. **Amendment of section 64.**

The principal Act is amended in section 64 by inserting a new subsection (4) as follows

“ 64 (4) Pursuant to the provisions of subsection (3), where the Chief of Police is unable to hear a charge or complaint by reason of his or her absence from the State, direct or indirect interest in the matter or any other reason, the charge or complaint may be heard by either

- (a) the Deputy Chief of Police; or
- (b) a magistrate, if the Deputy Chief of Police is also absent from the State, has a direct or indirect interest in the matter or is unable to attend a hearing of the matter for any reason”.

ANTHONY MICHAEL PERKINS

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Speaker

Passed by the National Assembly this 6th day of September, 2018.

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Clerk of the National Assembly