


HARBOUR DUES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018


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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE HARBOUR DUES ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Harbour Dues (Amendment) Act, 2018.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on such date as the Minister may appoint by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act.

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definition in the appropriate alphabetical order—

“**Cruise ship**” means the meaning assigned to it in the Cruise Ships (Overnighting Incentives) Act, (*Ch. 344*) ;

“**service vehicle**” means vehicles used for the provision of essential services including emergency, electricity, telecommunication, waste removal and sanitation services”.

3. Insertion of new sections 6A, 6B and 6C into the principal Act.

The principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 6 of the new sections —

“6A. Cruise ships.

There shall be charged, levied, collected and paid to the Comptroller on all cruise ships berthing at Prince George Wharf the fees set out in Part IV of the *Schedule*.

6B. Vehicle charges.

There shall be charged, levied, collected and paid to the Comptroller on all service vehicles, except emergency vehicles, entering Prince George Wharf the sum of ten dollars.

6C. Water charges.

There shall be charged, levied, collected and paid to the Comptroller on water used from all public docks a fee of fifteen cents per gallon.”.

4. Amendment to Schedule to the Principal Act.

The Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after Part III of the following new part—

“PART IV

(Section 6A)

- (a) the rate of twenty-three cents on each and every foot of the registered length of the vessel;
- (b) the rate of twelve cents on each and every net registered ton of every such vessel.”

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend the Harbour Dues Act to provide for the increase and imposition of fees for cruise ships.

