

DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- (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 deletion of the definition “Indian hemp”.

3. Amendment of Part II of the principal Act.

The principal Act is amended in the heading of Part II by the deletion of the words “INDIAN HEMP”.

4. Amendment of section 3 of the principal Act.

Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words “Indian hemp”.

5. Amendment of section 6 of the principal Act.

Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words “Indian hemp and resins obtained from Indian hemp and all preparations of which such resins form a base”.

6. Amendment of section 11 of the principal Act.

Section 11 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (1), by the deletion of subparagraph (b).

7. Amendment of section 22 of the principal Act.

Section 22 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (8) by the deletion of subparagraph (a).

8. Amendment of section 29 of the principal Act.

Section 29 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1)(e) by the deletion of the words “, Indian hemp (any plant of the genus cannabis)”.

9. Amendment of Schedule to the principal Act.

The Schedule to the principal Act is amended in Form A by the deletion of the words “Indian Hemp or”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill, 2022 seeks to amend the Dangerous Drugs Act (*Ch. 228*) to delete all references to “Indian hemp”.