

BELIZE:

SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title and construction.
2. Amendment of section 53.



No. 5 of 2020

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)

Governor-General

29th January, 2020.

AN ACT to amend the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to remove offences in relation to insurance stamp; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 1st February, 2020)

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows-

1. This Act may be cited as the

SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020,

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CAP. 44. and shall be read and construed as one with the Social Security Act, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of section 53.

2. Section 53 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) and substituting the following –

“(2) A person is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both such fine and term of imprisonment if that person-

- (a) buys, sells or offers for sale, takes or gives in exchange, or takes in pawn any registration card;
- (b) without lawful excuse is in possession of any registration card issued in the name of any other person;
- (c) for the purpose of obtaining any benefit or other payment under this Act, whether for himself or some other person, or for any other purpose connected with this Act–
 - (i) knowingly makes any false statement or false representation; or
 - (ii) produces or furnishes, causes or knowingly allows to be produced or furnished, any document or information which he knows to be false in a material particular; or

(d) willfully hinders, obstructs or molests the Manager or an officer designated as inspector in accordance with section 40 in the exercise of any of the powers and functions conferred upon him by this Act.

(3) If any person is guilty of an offence under this Act and no penalty is provided therefor, that person is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars for such offence, or where the offence consists of continuing any such contravention or failure after conviction thereof, to a fine of five hundred dollars for each day on which it is continued.”.