

BELIZE:

IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 24.



No. 18 of 2020

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)

Governor-General

7th August, 2020.

AN ACT to amend the Immigration Act, Chapter 156 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to expand the duties of immigrants entering Belize; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 8th August, 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

Short Title.

IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020,

CAP. 156.
1 of 2014.
13 of 2016.
46 of 2017.
10 of 2018.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Immigration Act, which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of
section 24.

2. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in sub-section (4) by—

(i) deleting the full stop at the end of paragraph (c) and substituting a semi-colon; and

(ii) inserting the following new paragraphs after paragraph (c)—

“(d) submit to a medical test by a medical officer where there is the threat, outbreak or spread of an infectious disease; and

(e) furnish any other document as prescribed by any other law.”;

(b) by repealing sub-section (5) and substituting the following—

“(5) Any foreigner who refuses to comply with the requirements under sub-section (4) shall be refused leave to land in Belize and if he arrives by any vessel the master of such vessel shall be served with a notice of such fact.”; and

(c) by inserting the following new sub-sections after sub-section (5)—

- “(5A) For the purposes of sub-section (5), foreigner means any person who is not a citizen of Belize.
- (5B) A Belizean who refuses to comply with the requirements under sub-section (4) (c), and (d) shall be handed over to the Quarantine Authority to be dealt with under section 3A of the Quarantine Act.”.