

BELIZE:

HOTELS AND TOURIST ACCOMMODATION
(AMENDMENT) (NO.2) ACT, 2020

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of section 31A .



No. 20 of 2020

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)

Governor-General

7th August, 2020.

AN ACT to amend the Hotels and Tourist Accommodation Act, Chapter 285 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to provide for the Minister to make regulations in the interest of public safety, public order and public health if there is the threat or outbreak of an infectious disease; 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 and
construction.

HOTELS AND TOURIST ACCOMMODATION
(AMENDMENT) (NO.2) ACT, 2020,

CAP. 285.
6 of 2020.

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

Insertion of
section 31A .

2. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section after section 31—

“Regulations
for public
safety, public
order and
public health.

31A.—(1) The Minister may make regulations for hotels and tourist accommodations in the interest of public safety, public order and public health if—

- (a) there is the threat of an outbreak of an infectious disease; or
- (b) there is the outbreak of an infectious disease.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of sub-section (1), regulations made under sub-section (1) may provide for—

- (a) prescribing the conditions for the booking of guests;
- (b) prescribing health and safety protocols to minimize the risk of the spread of infectious disease;
- (c) the procedures and requirements for certification of hotels and tourist accommodation to accommodate international tourists;
- (d) categories of certification of hotels and tourist accommodation to accommodate international tourists;

- (e) the decertification of hotels and tourist accommodation for failure to comply with regulations made under this section;
- (f) directives or orders to be issued by the Registrar in relation to any regulation made under this section;
- (g) the imposition of fixed penalties for the breach or contravention of any regulation made under this section; and
- (h) the procedures to be adopted when imposing a fixed penalty.

(3) Fixed penalties imposed under subsection (2)–

- (a) in respect of contravention by a person, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars; and
- (b) in respect of contravention by a hotel or tourist accommodation, shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

(4) Regulations made under this section may provide that any breach or contravention of any such regulation may be punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or by a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years.”.