

BELIZE:

PUBLIC HEALTH (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new Part IXA.
3. Insertion of new sections 168A and 168B.

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for

AN ACT to amend the Public Health Act, Chapter 40 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to provide for the control and regulation of vaccines; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted, 2021)

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the

PUBLIC HEALTH (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ACT, 2021,

CAP. 91.
2 of 2021.

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

Insertion of Part
IXA.

2. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new Part immediately after Part IX—

“PART IXA
Vaccines

Vaccines.

148A. The Director of Health Services, with the approval of the Minister, may make regulations-

- (a) for the importation of vaccines;
- (b) evaluating a vaccine for its safety, efficacy and quality based on scientific and clinical evidence;
- (c) authorizing only vaccines that are safe, effective and of high quality, and whose benefits outweigh the risks;

- (d) monitoring the quality of vaccines authorized for sale in Belize;
- (e) conducting post-market surveillance of safety and effectiveness of vaccines authorized for sale in Belize;
- (f) determining acceptable regulatory bodies and recommendations of those bodies;
- (g) collection and reporting of events following immunization;
- (h) collection and reporting by vaccination centers, sites or other similar entities on the usage of any vaccines; and
- (i) generally for the better carrying out of this Part.”

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new sections immediately after section 168–

Insertion of sections 168A and 168B.

“Duty to report adverse effects of vaccine.

168A. Every person who has been administered a vaccine shall report to the Ministry any severe adverse effects of the vaccine within a period of twenty-four hours of the severe adverse effect.

Duty of vaccination centers, etc. to report.

168B. (1) The person in charge of a vaccination center, site or other similar entities shall provide a monthly report to the Ministry on the usage of any vaccine administered to the public.

(2) A report prepared under sub-section (1) shall contain the name, age, and sex of the person to whom the vaccine was administered.”