

**BELIZE:**

**SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES)**  
**(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 3.



No. 43 of 2021

I assent,

(H.E. MS. FROYLA TZALAM)

*Governor-General*

*11th November 2021*

**AN ACT to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act, Chapter 98 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to increase the penalty for the offence of spreading or publishing false news; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.**

*(Gazetted 11th November, 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:***

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

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CAP. 98.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act, which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of  
section 3.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 3 by inserting the following new sub-section immediately after sub-section (4)–

“(4A) Notwithstanding sub-section (4), a person who commits an offence under sub-section (1)(ix) is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term of six months.”.