

BELIZE:

PATENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 5.

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BELIZE:**BILL****for**

AN ACT to amend the Patents Act, Chapter 253 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, for the Registrar to delegate certain functions to the Deputy Registrar of Intellectual Property; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted2021).

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

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CAP. 253.
16 of 2018.

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

Amendment of
section 5.

- 2.** Section 5 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by renumbering the section as sub-section (1);
- (b) in paragraph (e), by deleting the word “and” occurring after the semicolon;
- (c) in paragraph (f), by deleting the full stop and substituting a semicolon;
- (d) by inserting after paragraph (f), the following new paragraph—

“(g) hear opposition to the registration of a patent.”; and
- (e) by inserting after sub-section (1), the following new sub-sections—

“(2) The Registrar may, by direction in writing, delegate to the Deputy Registrar, the exercise and performance of the power and function specified under sub-section 1(g).

(3) A delegation under sub-section (2) is revocable by the Registrar and the delegation of the exercise of a power or the performance of a function shall not preclude its exercise or performance by the Registrar.

(3) The provisions of this Act shall apply in relation to a power or a function delegated under this section as they would apply where the power or function is exercised or performed by the Registrar.”.