

BELIZE:

**NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 2022**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 2.
3. Repeal and replacement of section 5.



No. 26 of 2022

I assent,

(H.E. DAME FROYLA TZALAM)

Governor-General

10th November, 2022.

AN ACT to amend the Non-Governmental Organisations Act, Chapter 315 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to provide for the appointment a Registrar of Non-Governmental Organisations; to provide for the appointment of a Deputy Registrar of Non-Governmental Organisations; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 15th November, 2022)

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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(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022,

CAP. 315.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Non-Governmental Organisations Act which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of section 2.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 2 by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following new definition—

““Registrar” means the Registrar of Non-Governmental Organisations appointed under section 5;”.

Repeal and replacement of section 5.

3. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 5 and replacing it with the following—

“(1) The Director General of the Financial Services Commission shall be the Registrar of Non-Governmental Organisations.

(2) The Deputy Registrar appointed under section 283 of the Belize Companies Act shall be the Deputy Registrar of Non-Governmental Organisations.

(3) The Registrar may, by instrument in writing, delegate any of his duties under this Act to the Deputy Registrar appointed under sub-section (2).

(4) Pursuant to a delegation under sub-section (3), the Deputy Registrar shall have the relevant powers under this Act to perform such duties as specified in the instrument of delegation.

(5) A delegation under sub-section (3) 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.

(6) The Registrar may have such other staff as may enable the full and effectual discharge of his duties as provided under this Act.”.