BELIZE:

PATENTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

No. 29 of 2022

I assent,

(H.E. DAME FROYLA TZALAM)
Governor-General

17ᵗʰ November, 2022.

AN ACT to amend the Patents Act, Chapter 253 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to remove the seat of Registrar of Intellectual Property from the Solicitor General; to provide for the appointment of a Registrar of Intellectual Property; to provide, in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, for the offices of Patent Examiners, Patent Officers, Trade Marks Supervisor and Trade Marks Examiners; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 18ᵗʰ 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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and shall be read and construed as one with the Patents Act, which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

2. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended–

(a) in sub-section (1) by deleting the words "who shall be the Solicitor General".

(b) by repealing sub-section (2) and substituting it with the following–

"(2) There shall also be a Deputy Registrar of Intellectual Property, such number of Assistant Registrars, Registry Officers, Patent Examiners, Patent Officers, Trade Marks Supervisor and Trade Marks Examiners and such other officers as may be considered necessary for the proper administration of this Act or any other enactment.";

(c) by repealing sub-section (4) and substituting it with the following–

"(4) The Deputy Registrar, Assistant Registrars, Patent Examiners, Patent Officers, Trade Marks Supervisor and Trade Marks Examiners shall perform such functions, and exercise such powers, as the Minister may, in writing, delegate to them from time to time."