

**BELIZE:**

**SUPPLIES CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 3.
3. Amendment of section 4.
4. Insertion of new section.

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**BELIZE:**

**BILL**

**for**

**AN ACT** to amend the Supplies Control Act, Chapter 293 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to provide for the power to issue violation tickets for particular offences; to provide for the publication of the names and particulars of offenders; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(Gazetted ....., 2023)*

**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

**SUPPLIES CONTROL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023,**

CAP. 293.

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

Amendment of section 3.

**2.** Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in sub-section (1) as follows—

(i) in paragraph (g), by deleting the word “and”;

(ii) by repealing paragraph (h), and;

(iii) by inserting the following new paragraphs after paragraph (h) as follows—

“(i) for the issue of violation tickets for the breach or contravention of any regulation;

(j) the form of the violation ticket;

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- (k) the fine to be stated on the violation ticket, which shall not exceed five hundred dollars;
- (l) persons by whom the violation ticket may be issued;
- (m) the places where the fine stated on the violation ticket may be paid;
- (n) the time for paying such fines;
- (o) the penalty for failure to pay the fine within the time specified; and
- (p) the procedure for requesting a court hearing by a person who has been issued with the violation ticket;
- (q) generally for all matters connected with the carrying out of the provisions of this Act and any regulations made hereunder.”;

- (b) by inserting immediately after sub-section (2), the following new sub-section—

“(2A) Notwithstanding section 4, regulations made under paragraphs (i) to (p) may provide that any breach or contravention of any such regulation may be punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.

- 3.** The principal Act is amended in section 4 by inserting the words “for which no penalty is specifically provided,” immediately after the words “imposed under any regulations,”.

Amendment of section 4.

- 4.** The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 9, the following new section—

Insertion of new section.

“Publication of names, etc. of offenders.

10. (1) The Minister may cause the publication of the names and particulars of persons or businesses convicted of an offence under this Act or any regulations.

(2) A publication under this section may be in a form directed by the Minister and for a temporary period of six months.

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(3) At the expiration of the temporary period of publication, the Minister shall cause the publication to cease and where physically or digitally published, to be removed therefrom.”