

BELIZE:

CRIMINAL CODE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2023

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

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For

AN ACT to amend the Criminal Code Act, Chapter 101 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to expand the definition of aggravated assault; to rationalise and increase the penalty for threat of death and similar character offences; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted2023).

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

CRIMINAL CODE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ACT, 2023,

CAP. 101.
Act No. 34 of
2023.

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

Amendment of
section 45.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 45 by repealing paragraph (a) and replacing it with the following—

“(a) assault upon—

- (i) a person acting as a judicial and legal officer or as a peace officer;
- (ii) a member of the Belize Defence Force in the course of duty;
- (iii) a member of Belize Coast Guard in the course of duty;
- (iv) an Immigration Officer in the course of duty;
- (v) a Customs Officer in the course of duty;

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- (vi) a member of the National Fire Service in the course of duty;
- (vii) a public officer in the course of duty;
- (viii) a prison officer in the course of duty;
- (ix) a teacher in the course of duty;
- (x) a member of the media in the course of duty; or
- (xi) an elected official.

3. The principal Act is amended in section 238 by deleting the words “is guilty of a misdemeanour” and substituting the words “commits an offence and on conviction is liable to imprisonment for five years”.

Amendment of section 238.

4. The principal Act is amended in section 240 by deleting the word “two” and substituting the word “five”.

Amendment of section 240.