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An Act to amend the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Program Act 2013 in order to create additional grounds upon which a person may be deprived of his citizenship.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows-

1. Short Title and Commencement

(a) This Act may be cited as Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2016.

(b) This Act comes into force upon publication in the *Gazette*.

2. Amendment of section 4 of the Act

Subsections (1) and (3) of section of 4 of the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Act is repealed and replaced by the following:

“(1) In addition to the powers conferred on him by the Citizenship Act the Minister responsible for citizenship may by order deprive any person of citizenship granted under this Act, if that person-

- (a) does not spend at least 5 days in Antigua and Barbuda during the period of five calendar years after his registration;
- (b) has used false identification documents to obtain citizenship; or
- (c) has sold or offered for sale his document evidencing his citizenship.”

“(3) Where the Minister responsible for citizenship makes an order under section 8 of the Citizenship Act or under any grounds specified in subsection (1) in respect of a person who is a citizen of Antigua and Barbuda by investment that person shall have a right to appeal to the High Court and to be represented by his attorney-at-law.”

NO. OF 2016 *Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2016*

Passed by the House of Representatives
on the day of 2016.

Passed by the Senate on the
day of 2016.

Speaker

President

Clerk to the House of Representative

Clerk to the Senate

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The proposed Bill for the amendment of the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship By Investment (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2016 falls within a narrow but fundamental purpose. That purpose is to give the Minister additional grounds upon which he can lawfully deprive a person of his or her citizenship under the Act. This arises because evidence can come into being after the grant of citizenship. And further, when applicants came from countries with large populations' the due diligence may not-cover the full spectrum relative to the applicant.

Without a doubt this amendment is vital in the quest to preserve the integrity and credibility of the citizenship by investment program for Antigua and Barbuda.