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**An ACT** to amend the Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 2006, No. 1 of 2006 in order to provide for the provisional registration of ships and for connected and incidental purposes.

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2017

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 2006.

**3. Insertion of new section 24A**

The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 24 the following new section as section 24A:

“24A Provisional registration

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Registrar may grant a provisional certificate of registry to a ship which is owned by a person not qualified to own a ship under section 11 if he is satisfied that –

(a) the ship is owned by the person applying to register the ship;

- (b) the applicant is qualified or has commenced the process of becoming qualified to own an Antigua and Barbuda ship under section 11; and
- (c) the administrative requirements preliminary to registration have commenced.

(2) Where an application is made by a person qualified to own an Antigua and Barbuda ship, the Registrar may, on receiving the application, grant a provisional certificate of registry.

(3) Where the circumstances outlined in subsections (1) and (2) arise –

- (a) the provisional certificate of registry shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of issue, but may be extended for a further period of six months only;
- (b) the issue of the provisional certificate of registry shall be subject to such further minimum requirements as may be specified in regulations made under this Act;
- (c) the Registrar shall grant a certificate of registry under section 23 if the requirements of the Act preliminary to registration have been complied with within the period of six months from the date of issue, or within the further extended period of six months, the Registrar shall grant a certificate of registry under section 23.”

Passed by the House of Representatives  
on the      day of                      2017.

Passed by the Senate on the  
day of                                      2017.

Speaker

President

Clerk to the House of Representative

Clerk to the Senate

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to amend the Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 2006, No. 1 of 2006, to make it possible for the Registrar to grant a certificate of registry to a ship where the owner of the ship has qualified or is in the process of qualifying under section 11 to own an Antigua and Barbuda registered ship. The provisional registration can only be done where the administrative requirements preliminary to registration has commenced.

The provisional registration is valid for a period of six (6) months, but may be extended for a further six months at the discretion of the Registrar.

*Honourable Gaston Browne  
Prime Minister and Minister with responsibility for  
Merchant Shipping and Shipping Registration*