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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

[Date of Assent 27th June, 2025]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act, which amends the Environmental Health Services Act (*Ch. 232*), may be cited as the Environmental Health Services (Amendment) Act, 2025.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 2025.

2. Amendment of section 15 of the principal Act.

Section 15 of the principal Act is amended by the —

- (a) renumbering of the section as subsection 15(1);
- (b) insertion immediately after subsection (1) of the following as subsections (2) and (3) —
 - “(2) An order issued under subsection (1) shall —
 - (a) specify the nature and source of the contaminant or pollutant;
 - (b) specify the reasons for the Director’s opinion that the emission constitutes an immediate danger to life, health or property;
 - (c) require the person responsible for the source of the contaminant or pollutant to comply with the order within seven days of the date of issue.

- (3) Where a person fails to comply with an order issued under subsection (1) the Director may impose a fixed penalty in the form and manner prescribed by regulations”.

3. Insertion of new section 15A into principal Act.

The principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 15 of the following new section —

“15A. Fixed penalty to be implemented immediately.

Notwithstanding section 15(2)(c), where a foreign owned vessel or cruise ship is responsible for the source of a contaminant or pollutant, the Director may impose a fixed penalty immediately.”.