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AN ACT to amend the Consumer Protection Act No. 2 of 2018.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives and by the authority of the same as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the—

CONSUMER PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020,

and shall be read as one with the Consumer Protection Act No. 2 of 2018, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

2. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following new subsection—
“(1) There shall be a Director of the Consumer Affairs Office who shall be an officer in public service.”

3. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by repealing paragraph (c).

4. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended as follows—

(a) by inserting before subsection (1) the following new subsection—

“(1) The complainant may request that the matter be referred to the Tribunal if—

(a) the Office is satisfied that the complaint qualifies under one or more grounds under section 32;

(b) the complainant has received no reasonable redress; and

(c) the complainant makes the payment of the prescribed fee.”;

(b) renumbering subsections (1) and (2) as subsections (2) and (3) respectively.

5. The principal Act is amended by correcting the numbering of the heading “Who may lodge a complaint” as section “31” as opposed to section “11”.

6. Section 33 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) in the chapeau by deleting the words “and receipt of payment of the prescribed fee” after the words “Upon receipt of the complaint”.

7. Section 34 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (5) (c) by deleting the words “section 38 (4)” after the words “in accordance with” and substituting therefor the words “section 36 (4)”.

Amendment of section 10 of principal Act.

Amendment of section 13 of principal Act.

Correction of numbering of section 31 of principal Act.

Amendment of section 33 of principal Act.

Amendment of section 34 of principal Act.
8. Section 35 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by deleting the words “section 34 (9)” after the words “in accordance with” and substituting therefor the words “section 34 (8)”.

9. Section 54 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (3) by deleting the words “respondent” and “respondent’s” wherever they appear and substituting therefor the words “defendant” and “defendant’s” respectively.

10. Schedule I to the principal Act is amended in section 3 in the chapeau by deleting the word “Tribunal” after the words “Each member of the” and substituting therefor the words “Advisory Body”.

11. Schedule II to the principal Act is amended in paragraph 5 (d) by deleting the words “subsection (14)” after the words “fails to comply with” and substituting therefor the words “paragraph 15”.

Passed by the House of Representatives this 29th day of July, 2020.

ANDREW AUGUSTINE
Clerk to the House of Representatives (Ag.).

Passed by the Senate this 5th day of August, 2020.

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