

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014

No. 13 of 2014

*[Published in the Official Gazette Vol. XXXV No. 4
dated 8th January, 2015.]*

Printed at the Government Printing Office, Antigua and Barbuda,
by Ralph George, Government Printer
— by Authority, 2015.

The Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act, 2014.

2 No. 13 of 2014.

THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014

ARRANGEMENT

Sections

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation
3. Amendment of Section 3- The Registrar
4. Amendment of Section 4- Annual Return by Registrar
5. Amendment of Section 5- Societies to which this Act applies
6. Amendment of Section 7- Conditions of Registration
7. Amendment of Section 9- Acknowledgment of Registry
8. Amendment of Section 25- Manner of keeping accounts

The Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act, 2014.

4 No. 13 of 2014.

[L.S.]



I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General.

18th December, 2014

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014

No. 13 of 2014

AN ACT to amend the Friendly Societies Act Cap.184 and for incidental and connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act, 2014.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“principal Act” means the Friendly Societies Act Cap.184.

3. Amendment of Section 3- The Registrar

The principal Act is amended in section 3 by the repeal of subsection (2) and substitution of the following—

“(2) The Registrar of the Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office shall be the Registrar;”

4. Amendment of Section 4- Annual Return by Registrar

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by—

(a) inserting after the word “Minister” the words—

“and a copy to the Director of the Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Policy”;

(b) inserting a new paragraph (b) as follows—

“(b) the name, address in Antigua and Barbuda, the contact details, the purpose, objectives, activities and the identity of the persons who own, control or direct the society;”
and

(c) renumbering paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) as paragraphs (c), (d) and (e).

5. Amendment of Section 5- Societies to which this Act applies

The principal Act is amended in section 5 by the repeal of subsection (3) and the substitution of the following—

“(3) Societies (in this Act called benevolent societies) for any non-profit, benevolent or charitable purpose.

For the purpose of this subsection, a non-profit organisation is an entity or association, without shareholders, which conducts business for the benefit of the general public.”

6. Amendment of Section 7- Conditions of Registration

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the words “the Registrar”, the words—

“and a copy to the Attorney General”.

7. Amendment of Section 9- Acknowledgment of Registry

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by inserting before the word “shall” the following words—

“after consultation with the Attorney General.”.

8. Amendment of Section 25- Manner of keeping accounts

Section 25 of the principal Act is amended by inserting new paragraphs as follows—

“(c) keep record of—

- (i) its purposes, objectives and activities;
- (ii) the identity of the persons who control or direct its activities, including senior officers, directors and trustees; and
- (iii) financial records showing the source of its gross income and showing and explaining its transactions, within or outside Antigua and Barbuda, that are sufficiently detailed to show that its funds are used in a manner consistent with its purposes, objectives and activities; and

(d) Every society shall keep the records referred to in this section for a period of at least 5 years.”.

Passed by the House of Representatives
on the 6th day of November, 2014.

Passed by the Senate on the 24th day
of November, 2014.

Gerald Watt, Q.C.,
Speaker.

Alicia Williams Grant,
President.

Ramona Small,
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

Ramona Small,
Clerk to the Senate.

