

No. 18 of 2021

I assent,

## (H.E. MS. FROYLA TZALAM)

Governor-General

23rd September 2021

AN ACT to amend the Stamp Duties Act Chapter 64 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to exempt certain documents of a company from the payment of stamp duties; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 25th September, 2021).

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

STAMP DUTIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021,

CAP. 64. 30 of 2017. 42 of 2017. 25 of 2018. 18 of 2019.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Stamp Duties Act, which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

2. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 55A-

"Exemptions for companies. CAP. 250. **55B.**–(1) The following instruments relating to a company formed and registered under the Companies Act are exempt from stamp duties imposed by this Act–

- (a) memorandum of association;
- (b) articles of association;
- (c) certificate of incorporation; or
- (d) any other instrument relating to the formation or registration of a company.".

Commencement.

3. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of September, 2021.