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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**BILL**

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THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS [2019 NOVEL  
CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)] (NO. 2) BILL, 2020

**Explanatory Notes**

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

This Bill contains 11 clauses and seeks to amend the Cinematograph Act, Chap. 20:10, the Registration of Clubs Act, Chap. 21:01, the Theatres and Dance Halls Act, Chap. 21:03, the Family Law (Guardianship of Minors, Domicile and Maintenance) Act, Chap. 46:08, the Children's Authority Act, Chap. 46:10, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, the Moneylenders Act, Chap. 84:04, the Pawnbrokers Act, Chap. 84:05, the Licensing of Dealers (Precious Metals and Stones) Act, Chap. 84:06 and the Old Metal and Marine Stores Act, Chap. 84:07 in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Clause 1 of the Bill contains the short title of the Act for which this is the Bill.

Clause 2 of the Bill would provide that the Act for which this is the Bill will come into effect on Proclamation by the President.

Clause 3 of the Bill would amend the Cinematograph Act, Chap. 20:10 to change the period during which licences would expire and to empower the Minister to do so by Order, where necessary.

Clause 4 of the Bill would amend the Registration of Clubs Act, Chap. 21:01 to change the period during which licences would expire and to empower the Minister to do so by Order, where necessary.

Clause 5 of the Bill would amend the Theatres and Dance Halls Act, Chap. 21:03 to change the period during which licences would expire and to empower the Minister to do so by Order, where necessary.

Clause 6 of the Bill would amend the Family Law (Guardianship of Minors, Domicile and Maintenance) Act, Chap. 46:08, to provide for persons to be brought to court on warrant instead of arrest during this period of a pandemic. The provision relative to a person coming before the Court by way of summons to answer for breach of Order to pay would expire on 31st March, 2021 or such later date as the Minister may, by Order, specify.

Clause 7 of the Bill would amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 in section 11, by repealing subsection (7) and substituting new subsections which would provide that notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in the Act and subject to subsection (8), any transfer of registration required to be completed on or before 31st August, 2020 may be completed on or before 31st December, 2020. New subsection (8) would empower the Minister to extend any of the dates specified in subsection (7) by Order. The clause would also repeal section 61B and substitute a new section which would provide that notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in the Act and subject to subsection (2), any driving permit, taxi driver licence, badge, certificate or other document issued by the Licensing Authority which expires on or before 31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021.

Clause 8 of the Bill would amend the Money Lenders Act, Chap. 84:04 to change the period during which licences would expire and to empower the Minister to do so by Order, where necessary.

Clause 9 of the Bill would amend the Pawnbrokers Act, Chap. 84:05 to change the period during which licences would expire and to empower the Minister to do so by Order, where necessary.

Clause 10 of the Bill would amend Licensing of Dealers (Precious Metals and Stones) Act, Chap. 84:06 to change the period during which licences would expire and to empower the Minister to do so by Order where necessary.

Clause 11 of the Bill would amend the Old Metal and Marine Stores Act, Chap. 84:07 to change the period during which licences would expire and to empower the Minister to do so by Order, where necessary.

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**Arrangement of Clauses**

*Clause*

1. Short title
2. Commencement
3. Chap. 20:10 amended
4. Chap. 21:01 amended
5. Chap. 21:03 amended
6. Chap. 46:08 amended
7. Chap. 48:50 amended
8. Chap. 84:04 amended
9. Chap. 84:05 amended
10. Chap. 84:06 amended
11. Chap. 84:07 amended

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Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the Miscellaneous Provisions [2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No. 2) Bill, 2020.
Commencement	2. This Act will come into effect on Proclamation by the President.
Chap. 20:10 amended	<p>3. The Cinematograph Act is amended—</p> <p>(a) by renumbering section 7A as 7A(1) and in 7A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and</p> <p>(b) by inserting after section 7A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (7).”.</p>
Chap. 21:01 amended	<p>4. The Registration of Clubs Act is amended—</p> <p>(a) by renumbering section 7A as 7A(1) and in 7A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and</p> <p>(b) by inserting after section 7A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) The Minister may, by Order extend any of the dates specified in subsection (7).”.</p>

5. The Theatres and Dance Halls Act is amended— Chap. 21:03  
amended

- (a) by renumbering section 3A as 3A(1), and in 3A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and
- (b) by inserting after section 3A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (7).”.

6. The Family Law (Guardianship of Minors, Chap. 46:08  
amended Domicile and Maintenance) Act is amended in section 27 by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following new subsections:

“27. (1) If, at any time after the expiration of one month from the making of a maintenance order made by a Court in respect of a minor under this Act, it appears to a Judge, Master, District Court Judge or Justice of the district in which the order was made, upon oath, that any sum to be paid in pursuance of the order has not been paid, the Judge, Master, District Court Judge or Justice may upon application of the Collecting Officer by—

- (a) summons, cause the person under the obligation to make a payment to appear before the Court for a hearing to answer for the breach of the order to pay; or
- (b) warrant under his hand, cause the person under obligation to make payment

in pursuance of the order (hereinafter in this section referred to as “the defendant”) to be brought before the Court.

(1A) Subsection (1)(a) would cease to apply on 31st March, 2021 or such later date as the Attorney General may, by Order, specify.”.

Chap 48:50 amended **7. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act is amended—**

(a) in section 19, by repealing subsection (7) and substituting the following subsections:

“(7) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Act and subject to subsection (8), any transfer of registration required to be completed on or before 31st December, 2020 may be completed on or before 31st March, 2021.

(8) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (7).”;

(b) by repealing section 61B and substituting the following section:

“Continuation  
of validity 61B. (1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Act and subject to subsection (2), any driving permit, taxi driver licence, badge, certificate or other document issued by the Licensing Authority which expires on or before 31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021.



(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”.

8. The Moneylenders Act is amended—

Chap. 84:04  
amended

(a) by renumbering section 3A as 3A(1) and in 3A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and

(b) by inserting after section 3A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (7).”.

9. The Pawnbrokers Act is amended by—

Chap. 84:05  
amended

(a) renumbering section 32A as 32A(1) and in 32A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and

(b) inserting after section 32A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”.

10. The Licensing of Dealers (Precious Metals and Stones) Act is amended—

Chap. 84:06  
amended

(a) in subsection 4(4), by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and

substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (4), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(5) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (4).”.

Chap. 84:07  
amended

**11. The Old Metal and Marine Stores Act is amended—**

(a) by renumbering section 4A as 4A(1) and in 4A(1), as renumbered, by deleting the words “31st July, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st August, 2020” and substituting the words “31st December, 2020 shall be deemed to be valid until 31st March, 2021”; and

(b) by inserting after section 4A(1), as renumbered, the following new subsection:

“(2) The Minister may, by Order, extend any of the dates specified in subsection (1).”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

*Clerk of the House*

I confirm the above.

*Speaker*

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Passed in the Senate this        day of        ,  
2020.

*Clerk of the Senate*

I confirm the above.

*President of the Senate*

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