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CORRIGENDUM

Take note that, due to an administrative error, the **Bahamas Protected Areas Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2025** (No. 72 of 2025), contained in the Extraordinary Gazette dated 29th October, 2025 (“the Gazette”), is hereby substituted with the **Bahamas Protected Areas Fund (Amendment) Act, 2025**.

The reprinting of the *Gazette* replaces the Bahamas Protected Areas Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and is submitted hereunder.

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**BAHAMAS PROTECTED AREAS FUND
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025**

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BAHAMAS PROTECTED AREAS FUND (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025

AN ACT TO AMEND THE BAHAMAS PROTECTED AREAS FUND ACT

[Date of Assent - 29th October, 2025]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title.

This Act, which amends the Bahamas Protected Areas Fund Act, 2014 (*CH. 255A*), shall be cited as the Bahamas Protected Areas Fund (Amendment) Act, 2025.

2. Amendment of section 8 of the principal Act.

Section 8 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced as follows —

“8. Acceptance of conditional contributions.

- (1) The Fund may accept donations which are subject to conditions imposed by donors if doing so could not reasonably be expected to —
 - (a) materially impair the Fund's ability to achieve its general purpose; or
 - (b) cause the Fund to violate any provision of this Act or its By-laws.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Board may, through a special majority vote, approve a conditional donation or agreement for financial receipts that is specifically designed to, among other things, build capacity to improve the management of protected areas.
- (3) The approval of a donation or agreement for financial receipts, in accordance with subsection (2), shall not violate any provision of

this Act or the Bye-laws if the donation or agreement for financial receipts otherwise meets the requirement of this Act or Bye-laws.”.

3. Amendment of section 9 of the principal Act.

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of a new subsection (5) —

“(5) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a grant comprising funds from conditional contributions or agreements supporting financial receipts approved by the Board may be used for the purpose of the implementation of the grant, including —

- (a) the salaries and expenses of staff; and
- (b) indirect expenses approved by the Board.”.

4. Amendment of section 12 of the principal Act.

Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of a new subsection (2A) —

“(2A) Two of three Directors, referred to in subsection (2), may continue to serve at the convenience of the Government until their replacement, resignation, death or incapacity as provided in this Act or the Bye-laws.”.