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AN ACT TO AMEND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT

[Date of Assent - 12th August, 2015]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Act 2015.

2. Repeal and replacement of section 17 of Ch. 321C.

Section 17 of the Health and Safety at Work Act is repealed and replaced as follows —

"17. Offences.

- (1) Any person who —
 - (a) intentionally obstruct an inspector in the exercise of his powers or in the performance of his duties;
 - (b) falsely pretend to be an inspector;
 - (c) intentionally make or cause to be made a false entry in any register, book, notice or other document to be kept by him under this Act or the regulations or delete or destroy any true or proper entry in such document;
 - (d) contravenes any health or safety regulations made pursuant to section 19 of the Act;
 - (e) contravenes any requirement or prohibition imposed by a notice of contravention, including any such notice as modified on appeal;

- (f) contravenes any other provision of the Act or fails to comply with an order or direction made under this Act or the regulations,

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction —

- (i) to a fine of five thousand dollars in the case of a first conviction for such offence and, in the case of a continuing offence, one hundred dollars for each day during which the offence continues;
- (ii) to a fine of ten thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent conviction for such offence and, in the case of a continuing offence, two hundred dollars for each day during which the offence continues.

- (2) No prosecution for an offence under this section shall be brought except by or with the consent of the Attorney-General."