



SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

ACT NO. 18 OF 2014

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DR. FREDERICK BALLANTYNE  
Governor-General  
30th December, 2014

AN ACT to amend the Shipping Act, Chapter 363, of the Laws of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Revised Edition, 2009.

[ 30th December, 2014 ]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and by the authority of the same as follows:

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| 1. This Act may be cited as the Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2014.                                  | Short title              |
| 2. Section 249 of the Shipping Act, referred to in this Act as the "principal Act", is amended – | Amendment of section 249 |
| (a) in subsection (1), by deleting "one year" and substituting "six months";                     |                          |
| (b) by inserting after subsection (1), the following new subsections -                           |                          |

"(1A) Where any wreck has been in the possession of a receiver for a period of six months or more and the owner has established a claim to it in accordance with subsection (1), the Principal Receiver may serve notice on the owner to pay the salvage fees, the expenses

due and remove the wreck within a period of two months from the date of notice.

(1B) A wreck shall be treated as unclaimed where the owner fails to comply with a notice given by the Principal Receiver pursuant to subsection (1A) and the provisions of sections 251 and 252 shall have application to such wreck.

(1C) For greater certainty the provisions of subsections (1A) and (1B) shall apply to any claim established under subsection (1) whether before or after the commencement of this Act:

Provided that, where the owner established a claim to a wreck before the commencement of this Act, the period of one year shall continue to apply under this section and section 252 (1) as though the period had not been amended.”

- Amendment of section 252 by –
3. Section 252 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1)
- (a) deleting the words “one year” and substituting “six months”;
  - (b) deleting the words “subsection (6)” and substituting “subsection (4)”.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 22nd day of December, 2014.

NICOLE HERBERT  
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

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