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### **A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CORONERS ACT**

**Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas**

**1. Short title and commencement.**

- (1) This Act which amends the Coroners Act (*No. 2 of 2011*) (hereinafter “the principal Act”) may be cited as the Coroners (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Notice published in the *Gazette*.

**2. Amendment of section 7 of the principal Act.**

Section 7 of the principal Act is deleted, and the following substituted —

**“7. Administrator.**

The administrator of the coroners’ court, and such other officers as are attached to the office of the administrator, shall assist the Chief Executive Officer appointed pursuant to the Court Services Act, to perform such administrative functions as are necessary for the due discharge of the functions of the coroner, and as the Chief Executive Officer shall direct.” .

### **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Coroners (Amendment) Bill, 2023 divests the administrator appointed under the Act of the power to discharge administrative functions related to the discharge by the coroner of the business of the coroner, and vests the discharge of those functions in the Chief Executive Officer appointed under the Court Services Act 2023 for the purpose of the management and administration of the coroners’ court.