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## A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT ACT

### Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

#### 1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2024.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024.

#### 2. Amendment of the First Schedule to Ch. 293.

The First Schedule to the Customs Management Act is amended in Subheading “A – Prohibited Goods” by the insertion, immediately after item 14, of the following new items —

- “15. ATM Skimmer Machines.
16. Non-biodegradable, oxo-biodegradable, or biodegradable single use plastic shopping bags.
17. Non-biodegradable, oxo-biodegradable, or biodegradable single use plastic food ware as follows:
  - (a) Styrofoam cups;
  - (b) Styrofoam plates and other similar styrofoam food ware used to contain food;
  - (c) Plastic knives;
  - (d) Plastic forks;
  - (e) Plastic spoons;
  - (f) Plastic straws.

**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill seeks to amend the Customs Management Act to:

- (a) prohibit the ATM Skimmer Machines as this item is being imported for illegal transactions; and
- (b) ban non-biodegradable, oxo-biodegradable, or biodegradable single use plastic shopping bags and food ware in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Control of Plastic Pollution) Act, 2019.