

# MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

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### **A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACT**

*Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas*

#### **1. Short title and commencement.**

- (1) This Act, which amends the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Act (Ch.24), shall be cited as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Amendment) Act, 2024.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of July 2024.

#### **2. Amendment of section 13 of the principal Act.**

Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of paragraph (b) and the substitution of the following —

- “(b) imposing fees to be charged for consular services including fees for the physical delivery of passports, visas and other documents by courier services to persons making application for consular services.

## **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Clause 1 of the Bill sets out the Short Title and commencement.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to enable the Ministry to charge fees for all consular services including courier services associated with the provision of consular services.