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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE BAHAMAS NATIONALITY ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Bahamas Nationality (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2026.

2. Amendment of section 7 of Ch. 190.

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion, immediately after section 7 of the following as a new section 7A —

"(7A) If the Minister refuses an application under section 7, the Minister may, upon payment by the applicant of the fee of $500, grant the applicant a certificate of permanent residence subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister thinks fit.".

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clause 1 of the Bill sets of the short title and commencement.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to amend the Bahamas Nationality Act (*Ch.190*) to empower the Minister to grant to persons entitled to apply for citizenship under section 7 of the Act but who have been refused, a certificate of permanent residence subject to payment of a fee of $500.