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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 which amends the Customs Management Act (*Ch. 293*) may be cited as the Customs Management (Amendment) Act, 2026.

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

2. Insertion of new section 208A into the principal Act.

The principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 208 as a new section 208A —

"**208A. Prohibition on goods resulting from forced labour.**

The Minister may, by Order, prohibit the importation of any goods, wholly or partially produced or manufactured, from any supplier, country or territory if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the goods are a result of forced labour.".

3. Amendment of the First Schedule to the principal Act.

The First Schedule to the Customs Management Act is amended in Subheading "B-Restricted Goods", at item 4, in the Proviso, by the deletion of the word "three" and the substitution of the word "two".

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend the Customs Management Act (*Ch. 293*) by prohibiting goods from suppliers, places or countries that produce Force (Child) Labour - from entering the Bahamas, and reducing the ageing requirement for Whiskey and Brandy that can be imported into The Bahamas.