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**AN ACT** to amend the Barbuda Act, Cap. 42 and for other connected purposes.

**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows-

**1. Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the Barbuda (Amendment) Act, 2022.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Barbuda Act, Cap. 42.

**3. Amendment of section 58 – Rent payable**

Section 58 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced as follows –

“58. Rent payable

The rents payable under any lease of land granted by the crown in the Island of Barbuda shall be paid to the Accountant General for the benefit of the Council.”

Passed the House of Representatives on  
the day of , 2022.

Passed the Senate on the day of  
, 2022.

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*Speaker.*

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*President.*

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*Clerk to the House of Representatives.*

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*Clerk to the Senate.*

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to amend the Barbuda Act, Cap. 42 to clarify an ambiguity relating to the payment for leases in the island of Barbuda. In its original form, section 58 of the principal Act provided that rent for **any** lease on the island was payable to the Accountant General for the benefit of the Council. This section therefore gave the impression that payment of rent for **ALL** leases, whether granted by the crown or privately, were to be paid to the Accountant General. This was not the intention. Hence, the object of this amendment is to clarify that only rent payable for leases granted by the crown is to be paid to the Accountant General for the benefit of the Council.

The Bill contains three (3) clauses as follows –

Clauses 1 and 2 – Short title and Interpretation;

Clause 3 – Amendment to section 58 which is the substantive section; the original version of the section, as mentioned, left room for ambiguity in the payment of rent for leases.

**Hon. Samantha Marshall**

*Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and  
Barbuda Affairs*