

JAMAICA

No. 3 - 2013

I assent,

[L.S.]

(Sgd.) P.L. Allen  
Governor-General.

21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013

AN ACT to Amend the Obeah Act to abolish whipping as a penalty for certain criminal offences; and for connected matters.

[22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2013]

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Obeah (Amendment) Act, 2013, and shall be read and construed as one with the Obeah Act (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") and all amendments thereto.

Short title and construction.

2. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting all of the words appearing immediately after the words "twelve months".

Amendment of section 3 of the principal Act.

Amendment  
of section 4 of  
the principal  
Act.

Savings and  
transitional.

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting all of the words appearing immediately after the words “six months”.

4.—(1) Nothing in this Act shall, except as specified in subsection (2), be construed as affecting any sentence of whipping duly carried out pursuant to section 3 or 4 of the principal Act, prior to the commencement date.

(2) A sentence pursuant to section 3 or 4 of the principal Act which—

- (a) is handed down prior to the commencement date; and
- (b) imposes whipping as the whole or a part of the sentence shall not, to the extent of the whipping only, be carried out in whole or in part on or after the commencement date.

(3) In this section “commencement date” means the date on which this Act comes into operation.

Act binds the  
Crown.

5. This Act binds the Crown.

Passed in the Senate this 15th day of February 2013 with one (1) amendment.

STANLEY ST. J. REDWOOD  
*President.*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 26th day of February 2013.

MICHAEL A. PEART  
*Speaker.*

*This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.*

*(Sgd.) H. F. Cooke*  
*Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.*