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AN ACT to Amend the Tourism Enhancement Act.

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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 Tourism Enhancement (Amendment) Act, 2017, and shall be read and construed as one with the Tourism Enhancement Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Short title
and con-
struction.

2. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by renumbering the section as section 7(1) and inserting the following as subsection (2)—

Amendment
of section 7
of principal
Act.

“ (2) The moneys paid into the Fund under subsection (1) shall be paid over to the Collector of Taxes within seven days after receipt.”.

Amendment
of section 10
of principal
Act.

3. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (e) by inserting next after the word “fee” the words “and paying over the fee in accordance with section 7”.

Amendment
of section 14
of principal
Act.

4. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (b).

Amendment
of section 15
of principal
Act.

5. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “resources of the Fund shall” and substituting therefor the words “resources of the Fund, excluding the fees collected under section 10(e), shall”.

Amendment
of First
Schedule of
principal Act.

6. The First Schedule of the principal Act is amended in paragraph 4 by—

- (a) deleting the words “out of the income of the Fund or”;
and
- (b) inserting next after the words “of the Board” the words
“, its projects, programmes and other expenses”.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

A decision has been taken to amend the Tourism Enhancement Act in order to provide for the Tourism Enhancement Fund to be fully funded out of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure provided for by Parliament, and that moneys currently payable into the Fund under section 7 of the Act shall be paid over to the Collector of Taxes.

This Bill seeks to give effect to that decision and is a companion measure to the Bills shortly entitled the *Betting Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act, 2017*, and the *Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act, 2017*.

AUDLEY SHAW,
Minister of Finance and the Public Service.

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As introduced by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Public Service.

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SECTION 7 OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT WHICH IT IS
PROPOSED TO AMEND

7. Moneys collected by way of tourism enhancement fees shall be paid into the Fund.

SECTION 10 OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT WHICH IT IS
PROPOSED TO AMEND

10. The Fund shall perform such functions as be necessary to give effect to the objects specified in section 3 and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such functions shall include—

- (a) coordinating the Master Plan for Sustainable Tourism Development;
- (d) approving and monitoring the implementation of tourism projects and programmes;
- (e) collecting the tourism enhancement fee;

SECTION 14 OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT WHICH IT IS
PROPOSED TO AMEND

14. The financial resources of the fund shall consist of—

- (e) such moneys as may from time to time be placed at its disposal for the purposes of this Act by Parliament;
- (b) the tourism enhancement fee;
- (c) moneys received from loans or otherwise;
- (d) moneys earned by or arising from investments made by or on behalf of the Fund;
- (e) such moneys and other property as may lawfully be paid to, or become vested in, the Fund in respect of any matters incidental to its functions; and
- (f) any other moneys payable to the Fund.

FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT WHICH
IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND

1.—(1) The seal of the Fund shall be kept in the custody of the chairman or of any officer of the Fund authorized by the Board in that behalf, and shall be affixed to instruments pursuant to a resolution of the Board in the presence of

the chairman or any other member duly authorized to act in that behalf, and the secretary.

(2) The seal of the Fund shall be authenticated by the signature of the secretary or any other member of the Board duly authorized to act in behalf.

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4. The expenses of the Fund (including the remuneration of the staff thereof and members of the Board) shall be defrayed out of the income of the Fund or from sums provided for the purpose by Parliament.