

**HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT REPORT ON ACTS PASSED IN PARLIAMENT
FOR THE LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2010/2011**

Reporting Period: March 31, 2010 – April 8, 2011

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	DATE OF PASSAGE	STATUS
09/2010	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	<i>The Financial Investigations Division Act, 2010</i>	To establish a department of Government to be known as the Financial Investigations Division with responsibility for investigating financial crimes, maintaining intelligence databases and compiling and publishing statistics.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/03/25. Passed in the Senate on 2010/03/26.	Received Governor General's Assent on 2010/03/31. Comes into operation on a date of a notice by the Minister.
10/2010	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	<i>The Casino Gaming Act, 2010</i>	To implement legislation to provide a regulatory framework for the business of casino gaming.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/03/03 with fifty-two (52) amendments . Passed in the Senate on 2010/03/19.	Received Governor General's Assent on 2010/05/06. Comes into operation on a date of a notice by the Minister.
11/2010	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	<i>The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the Act in order to enable the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission to provide for more effective regulations of the industry for the protection of the stake-holders and consumers.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/03/02 with thirty-four (34) amendments . Passed in the Senate on 2010/03/19.	Received Governor General's Assent on 2010/05/06. Comes into operation on a date of a notice by the Minister.
12/2010	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Independent Commission of Investigations Act, 2010</i>	To improve on the current system of investigations into public complaints concerning misconduct by members of the Security Forces by repealing the Police Public Complaints Act and appointing an Independent Commission of Investigations.	Passed in the Senate on 2009/05/15 with sixty-seven (67) amendments . Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/03/09 with thirty-three (33) amendments . Senate concurred with amendments on 2010/03/19.	Received Governor General's Assent on 2010/04/15. Comes into operation on a date of a notice by the Minister. (Appointed day Notice – 2010/08/16)

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	DATE OF PASSAGE	STATUS
13/2010	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	<i>The Appropriation Act, 2010</i>	To provide authority for expenditure (other than statutory expenditure) for the financial year 2009/2010 and specifies the manner in which that expenditure is to be allocated to the various services and purposes. To provide for the amounts of receipts in relation to these services and purposes.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/04/21. Passed in the Senate on 2010/04/23.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/05/06. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
14/2010	Ministry of Agriculture	<i>The Agricultural Development Corporation (Change of Name) Act, 2010</i>	To rename the Agricultural Development Corporation to the Agro-Investment Corporation to more accurately reflect the specific objectives and responsibilities of this new corporation which will function as the business facilitation arm of the Ministry of Agriculture with the mandate of promoting and facilitating investments in agriculture.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/02. Passed in the Senate on 2010/06/18.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/14. Comes into operation on 2009/06/01.
15/2010	Ministry of Education	<i>The University of the West Indies (Mona Campus) (Security)(Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To prohibit the cutting of trees, picking of fruits and the cutting of grass and other vegetation <i>et al</i> except with the authorization of the Campus Finance and General Purposes Committee.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/09. Passed in the Senate on 2010/06/18.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/14. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.

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16/2010	Office of the Prime Minister	<i>The Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation General Election (Postponement) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation Act to extend the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation and by extension to the election of Mayors to each Municipality.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/15. Passed in the Senate on 2010/06/18 with one (1) amendment. House of Representatives concurred with amendment on 2010/06/22.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/14. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
17/2010	Office of the Prime Minister	<i>The Parish Councils General Election (Postponement) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the Parish Councils Act to extend the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to each Parish Council and by extension to the election of Mayors to each Municipality.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/15. Passed in the Senate on 2010/06/18 with one (1) amendment. House of Representatives concurred with amendment on 2010/06/22.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/14. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
18/2010	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Offences Against the Person (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To provide for a minimum custodial sentence of 15 years for a person convicted before the Circuit Court of any of the following offences: (a) shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm... and (b) wounding with intent, with use of a firearm.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/22. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/09.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/22. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
19/2010	Ministry of National Security	<i>The Parole (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	In order to provide that persons who have been sentenced to imprisonment for life, or for a period of 15 years or more, for specified firearms offences shall not be eligible for parole until after having served a period of not less than 10 years of the sentence.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/22. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/09.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/22. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	DATE OF PASSAGE	STATUS
20/2010	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Bail (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To: (a) provide in the case of specified offences for the onus to be on the defendant to satisfy the Court that bail should be granted; and (b) confer upon the prosecution, a right of appeal in cases where bail is granted by a Court.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/22 with two (2) amendments. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/09.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/22. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
21/2010	Ministry of National Security	<i>The Constabulary Force (Interim Provisions for Arrest and Detention) Act, 2010</i>	To temporarily extend (for a period of one year) the provisions of sections 50B and 50F of the Constabulary Force Act.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/22 with one (1) amendment. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/09.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/22. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
22/2010	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Bail (Interim Provisions for Specified Offences) Act, 2010</i>	To make temporary provisions in relation to the Bail Act... The Bill expires after a period of one year from the date of its commencement.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/22 with three (3) amendments. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/09.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/22. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
23/2010	Ministry of National Security	<i>The Firearms (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To provide for a minimum sentence of 15 years for a person convicted before the Circuit Court, of any of a number of offences in relation to firearms and ammunition.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/22 with one (1) amendment. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/09.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/22. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
24/2010	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Jury (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the Jury Act to allow for a majority verdict of the jury (not being less than nine to three), to be accepted in cases of murder where the sentencing options do not include the death penalty.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/06/29. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/09.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/07/26. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	DATE OF PASSAGE	STATUS
25/2010	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	<i>The Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Act to improve the legislative framework governing industrial and provident societies.	Passed in the Senate on 2010/04/23 with twelve (12) amendments. Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/07/13.	Received Governor General's Assent on 2010/08/03. Comes into operation on a date of a notice by the Minister.
26/2010	Ministry of Health	<i>The Child Care and Protection (Children's Homes) Regulations, 2005 (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2010</i>	To validate and confirm acts done in good faith by: - (a) the Child Development Agency; (b) any person having official duties under the Child Care and Protection Act or purported Child Care and Protection (Children's Homes) Regulations, 2005; and (c) any person acting in connection with, or in support of, a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b); and to indemnify persons from liability in respect of such acts.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/07/13. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/16.	Received Governor-General's Assent on 2010/08/04. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
27/2010	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	<i>The Credit Reporting Act, 2010</i>	To establish a credit reporting mechanism as part of the Financial Sector Reform Programme.	Passed in the Senate on 2010/04/16 with 17 amendments. Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/07/13 with 1 amendment. Senate concurred with amendment of the House of Representatives on 2010/07/16.	Received Governor General's Assent on 2010/08/31. Comes into operation on a date of a notice by the Minister.

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	DATE OF PASSAGE	STATUS
28/2010	Ministry of Tourism	<i>The Tourist (Duty-Free) Shopping System (Change of Name and Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the Tourist (Duty-Free) Shopping System Act in order to establish a system of arrivals duty-free shopping at international ports of entry into Jamaica, which will allow arriving passengers to make duty-free purchases upon their arrival at the airports or sea ports, and before clearing Customs; to amend the Customs Tariff (Revision) Resolution, 1972 to extend the duty free baggage allowance; to revise relevant fees under the Act.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/07/13. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/23.	Received Governor General's Assent on 2010/08/31. Comes into operation on a date of a notice by the Minister.
29/2010	Office of the Prime Minister	<i>Town and Country Planning (Negril and Green Island Area Local Planning Authority) (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2010</i>	To validate and confirm, with effect from the 24 th day of March, 1984 to the date of commencement of this Act, the grant of permission for land development and other acts done, in good faith, by the Negril and Green Island Area Local Planning Authority and to indemnify the Authority and other persons against any consequential liability for acts and omissions during the period.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/07/28. Passed in the Senate on 2010/07/30.	Received Governor General's Assent on 2010/08/31. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	DATE OF PASSAGE	STATUS
30/2010	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations and Agreement) (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the <i>Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations and Agreements) Act</i> to make it clear that where an offence in relation to which the accused has pleaded guilty is punishable by a prescribed minimum penalty, a sentence may be imposed without regard to the prescribed minimum penalty.	Passed in the Senate on 2010/11/05. Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/11/23.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2010/12/30. Comes into operation on 2010/12/31.
31/2010	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	<i>The Urban Renewal (Tax Relief)(Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To enhance and encourage redevelopment in the downtown Kingston area and other blighted urban areas across Jamaica by, <i>inter alia</i> , increasing tax credit on capital expenditure, providing exemption from stamp duty and transfer tax on the acquisition of land for the purpose of redevelopment.	Passed in the House of Representatives with one (1) amendment on 2010/11/23. Passed in the Senate on 2010/12/17 with seven (7) amendments. House of Representatives concurred with Senate amendments on 2010/12/21.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2010/12/30. Comes into operation on 2010/12/31.
32/2010	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	<i>The Payment Clearing and Settlement Act, 2010</i>	To establish a new legal basis for the regulation of the payments system and to make provisions for, the designation of " <i>systematically important payments systems</i> " and the regulatory oversight of such systems.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/10/26. Passed in the Senate 2010/11/26 with seven (7) amendments. House of Representatives concurred with Senate amendments on 2010/12/21.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2010/12/30. Comes into operation on 2010/12/31.
33/2010	Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture	<i>The National Library of Jamaica Act, 2010</i>	To create a fully autonomous National Library of Jamaica and to vest the National Librarian with executive authority to carry out the national, regional and international responsibilities inherent in that position.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/11/09 with three (3) amendments. Passed in the Senate on 2010/12/17 with one (1) amendment. House of Representatives concurred with Senate amendments on 2010/12/21.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2010/12/30. Comes into operation on 2010/12/31.

ACT NO.	MINISTRY	NAME OF LEGISLATION	SCOPE/PURPOSE	DATE OF PASSAGE	STATUS
01/2011	Ministry of Finance and the Public Service	<i>The Deposit Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the <i>Deposit Insurance Act</i> to strengthen the deposit insurance scheme established under the Act.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/01/11. Passed in the Senate on 2011/01/28 with five (5) amendments. House of Representatives concurred with Senate amendments on 2011/02/01.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/02/23. Comes into operation on 2010/02/24.
02/2011	Ministry of Labour and Social Security	<i>The Minimum Wage (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the <i>Minimum Wage Act</i> to remove any restrictive effect of section 29(b) of the <i>Interpretation Act</i> and thereby facilitate the increase of the maximum amount of fines and other penalties for breaches of orders and other regulations made under the Act.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/01/11. Passed in the Senate on 2011/01/28.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/02/23. Comes into operation on 2010/02/24.
03/2011	Ministry of Justice	<i>The Protected Disclosures Act, 2010</i>	To facilitate the disclosure of information regarding corrupt practices and other forms of wrongdoing in the workplace and to afford protection to persons making such disclosure.	Passed in the Senate on 2010/12/10 with thirty-six (36) amendments. Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011 on 2011/02/01 with twelve (12) amendments. Senate concurred with amendments on 2011/02/11.	Received Governor General's Assent on 2011/03/08. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
04/2011	Office of the Prime Minister	<i>The Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation General Election (Postponement) Act, 2011</i>	To amend the <i>Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation Act</i> to extend to not later than March 31, 2012, the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation and by extension to the election of Mayors to each Municipality.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/02/15. Passed in the Senate on 2011/02/18.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/03/08. Comes into operation on 2010/03/09.

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05/2011	Office of the Prime Minister	<i>The Parish Councils General Election (Postponement) Act, 2011</i>	To amend the <i>Parish Councils Act</i> to extend to not later than March 31, 2012, the period during which a date must be appointed for the holding of elections to each Parish Council and by extension to the election of Mayors to each Municipality.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/02/15. Passed in the Senate on 2011/02/18.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/03/08. Comes into operation on 2010/03/09.
06/2011	Ministry of Health	<i>The National Health Fund (Amendment) Act, 2010</i>	To amend the <i>National Health Fund Act</i> to confer on the National Health Fund the responsibility for the procurement, warehousing and distribution of pharmaceutical and other medical supplies to government-owned health facilities.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2010/11/09. Passed in the Senate on 2011/02/18.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/03/08. Comes into operation on 2010/03/09.
07/2011	Ministry of Health	<i>The Health Allied Professions and Services (Miscellaneous Penalty Provisions) Act, 2011</i>	To, <i>inter alia</i> , amend the penalty provisions of various legislation relating to health and allied professions so as to deter persons from purporting to provide medical and other services to the medical profession without being properly registered.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/02/01. Passed in the Senate on 2010/02/11.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/03/25. Comes into operation on 2010/03/25.
08/2011	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	<i>The Terrorism Prevention (Amendment) Act, 2011</i>	To facilitate <i>inter alia</i> , the listing of terrorist entities, once those entities have been so designated by the UN Security Council and to provide for the reporting of unusual large transactions which have no apparent economic or visible lawful purpose.	Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/03/22. Passed in the Senate on 2011/03/25.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/04/01. Comes into operation on 2010/04/01.

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09/2011	Ministry of Labour and Social Security	<i>The National Insurance (Validation and Amendment) Act, 2011.</i>	To amend the <i>National Insurance Act</i> and various Regulations made thereunder to, <i>inter alia</i> , unify the retirement age for men and women by 2015; provide for Members of Parliament and members of the JDF to contribute to the national insurance scheme at the same rate as other employed persons; and to validate actions taken pursuant to Cabinet decisions (but) without the requisite legislative authority.	Passed in the House of Representatives on the 2011/02/22. Passed in the Senate on 2011/03/25.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/04/01. Comes into operation on 2011/04/01.
10/2001	Ministry of Finance	<i>The Jamaica International Financial Services Authority Act, 2011</i>	To create a new statutory body whose mandate is to promote and develop Jamaica as a centre for international financial services as a means of further diversifying the Jamaican economy.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/01/26. Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/02/08 with one (1) amendment . Tabled in the Senate on 2011/02/11. Passed in the Senate on 2011/03/04.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/04/01. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.
11/2011	Ministry of Finance	<i>The Revenue Administration (Amendment) Act, 2011</i>	To establish a domestic tax Administration under an entity to be known as Tax Administration Jamaica. As a result, the provisions will repeal and replace current provisions that establish the Inland Revenue Department, Tax Administration Services Department and Taxpayer Audit and Assessment Department.	Tabled in the House of Representatives on 2011/03/29. Passed in the House of Representatives on 2011/03/29. Tabled in the Senate on 2011/03/31. Passed in the Senate on 2011/04/01.	Received the Governor General's Assent on 2011/04/01. Comes into operation on a date of publication in the Gazette.