I assent,



MARCELLA LIBURD Governor-General 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

No. 2 of 2023

AN ACT to amend the Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act, Cap. 3.25.

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BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis, and by the authority of the same as follows:

#### 1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) (Amendment) Act, 2023.

### 2. Interpretation.

In this Act,

"Act" means the Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act, Cap. 3.25.

#### 3. Amendment of section 2.

The Act is amended in section 2 by adding the following definitions in the correct alphabetical order

- ""cannabis" has the meaning assigned to it in the Drugs (Prevention & Abatement of the Misuse and Abuse of Drugs) Act, Cap. 9.08;
- "cannabis resin" means the separate resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from any plant of the genus cannabis;".

## 4. Amendment of section 4.

The Act is amended in section 4 subsection (8) by

- (a) deleting the word "or" in paragraph (a)
- (b) replacing the expression "." in paragraph (b) with the expression "; or"; and

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- (c) adding a new paragraph (c) as follows
- "(c) who is convicted under the Drugs (Prevention & Abatement of the Misuse and Abuse of Drugs) Act, Cap. 9.08 of an offence
  - (i) involving the cultivation of small amounts of cannabis plants not exceeding five cannabis plants; or
  - (ii) involving the cultivation of cannabis plants and the sentence imposed was imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.".

LANEIN K BLANCHETTE Speaker

Passed by the National Assembly this 8th day of February, 2023.

TREVLYN STAPLETON

Clerk of the National Assembly