



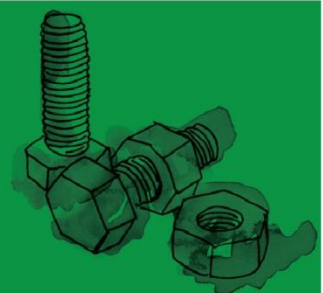
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Bill Essentials

The National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago
(Amendment) Bill, 2015

An Act to amend the National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap 40:53

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Background

The National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago (Amendment) Bill, 2015 was introduced and read for a first time in the House of Representatives on January 21, 2015 by the Hon. Rodger Samuel, Minister of National Diversity and Social Integration.

Purpose of the Bill

The Bill seeks to amend the definition of “Minister” since by Gazette No. 136 of Wednesday October 16, 2013 responsibility for the National Trust was assigned to the Minister of National Diversity and Social Integration.

Key Feature of the Proposed Legislation

The Bill will *inter alia* seek to amend Section 2 of the Act by deleting the existing definition of “Minister” (*the Minister to whom responsibility for culture is assigned*); and substituting with the following “Minister” ***means the Minister to whom responsibility for heritage preservation is assigned.*** “

Comparative Legislation

Country	Legislation	Remarks
United Kingdom	The Charities (National Trust) Order 2005 ¹	The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty is governed by this Act and it is considered a charitable organization and completely independent of the Government. The website of the trust states that they take care of the following: “historic houses, gardens, mills, coastline, forests, farmland, moorland, islands, castles, nature reserves, villages and pubs”. ²
Australia (Western)	National Trust of Australia (W.A.) Act 1964. ³	An Act to establish and incorporate and confer powers upon The National Trust of Australia (W.A.) and for incidental and other purposes. The National Trusts of Australia are “community-based, non-government organisations, committed to promoting and conserving Australia's indigenous, natural and historic heritage through its advocacy work and its custodianship of heritage places and objects”. ⁴

¹ http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/712/pdfs/uksi_20050712_en.pdf

² <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/what-we-do/what-we-protect/>

³ [http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/pco/prod/FileStore.nsf/Documents/MRDdocument:19786P/\\$FILE/National%20Trust%20of%20Australia%20\(WA\)%20Act%201964%20-%20\[03-d0-02\].pdf?OpenElement](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/pco/prod/FileStore.nsf/Documents/MRDdocument:19786P/$FILE/National%20Trust%20of%20Australia%20(WA)%20Act%201964%20-%20[03-d0-02].pdf?OpenElement)

⁴ <http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/>

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St Lucia	Saint Lucia National Trust Act 1975 ⁵	An Act to establish a body Corporate to be known as the Saint Lucia National Trust. The trust addresses the management of the following : “protected areas including National Landmarks, Historical Sites, Environmental Protection Areas and Nature Reserves, whether owned or vested in it, and provides recreational and educated opportunities within these areas.” “Minister” means the Minister responsible for subject of National Trust
Jamaica	The Jamaica National Heritage Trust Act, 1985 ⁶	An Act to Repeal and replace the Jamaica National Trust Act, to change the name of the Jamaica National Trust, and to make new provisions for the operation of the Trust and to provide for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith. The functions of the National Trust is as follows: “To promote the preservation of national monuments and anything designated as protected national heritage for the benefit of the Island; To conduct such research as it thinks necessary or desirable for the purposes of the performance of its functions under the Jamaica National Heritage Act; To carry out such development as it considers necessary for the preservation of any national monuments or anything designated as protected national heritage; To record any precious objects or works of art to be preserved and to identify and record any species of botanical or animal life to be protected” ⁷



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⁵ http://www.slunatrust.org/assets/content/documents/SLNT_Act.pdf

⁶ http://www.jnht.com/download/act_jnht_1985.pdf

⁷ http://www.jnht.com/mission_function.php