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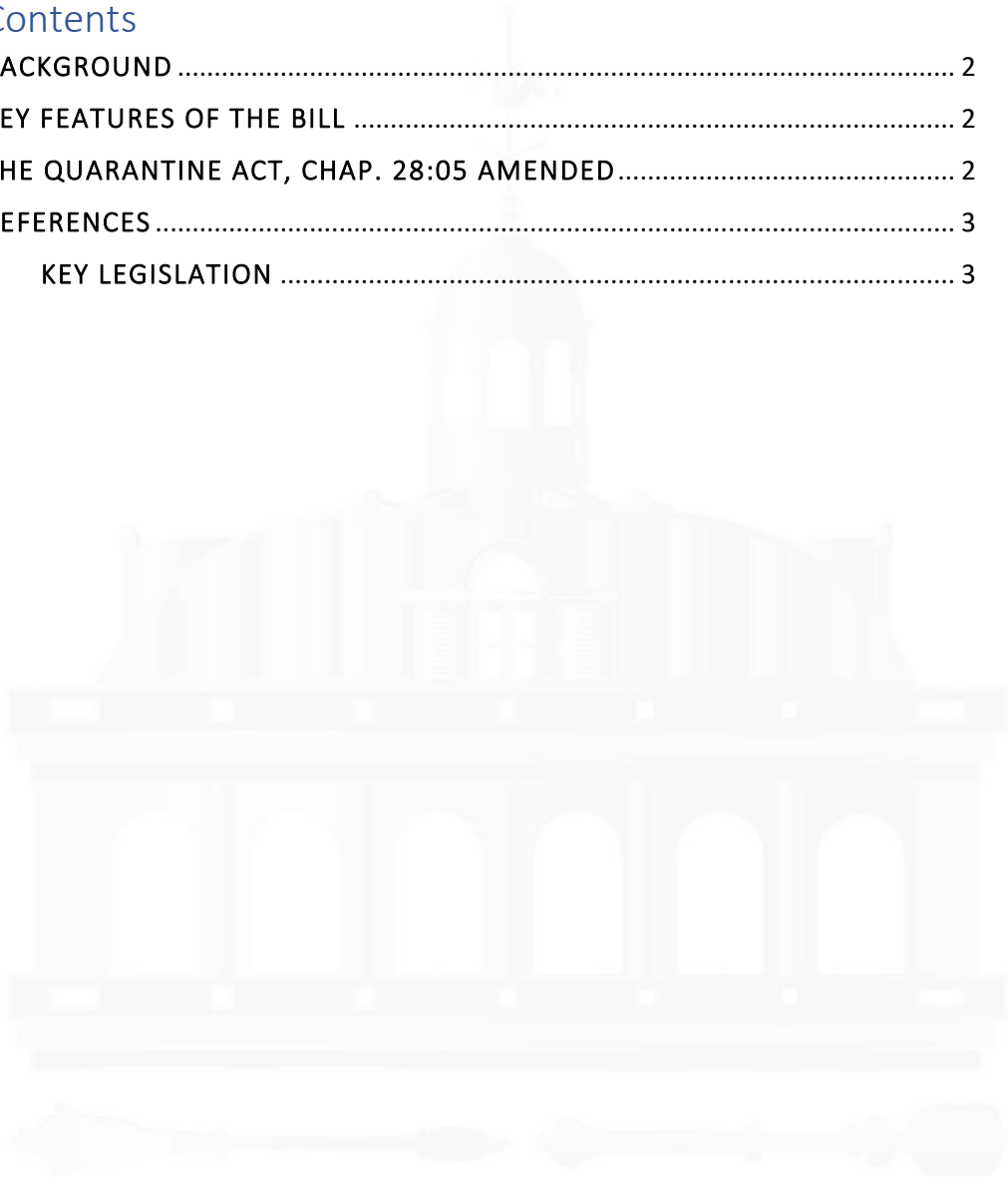
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The Quarantine (Amendment) Bill, 2021

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BACKGROUND

1. **The Quarantine (Amendment) Bill, 2021** (“the Bill”) was introduced in the Senate by the Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs on 5 July 2021.
2. The Bill proposes to amend the **Quarantine Act, Chap. 28:05**¹ (“the Act”).

KEY FEATURES OF THE BILL

THE QUARANTINE ACT, CHAP. 28:05 AMENDED

3. **Clause 2** of the Bill seeks to amend Section 4 of the Act by inserting a **New Subsection (4)** into that section². **Section 4(4)** states that Regulations made by the Minister of Health may provide that it is an offence to breach the said Regulations. Such an offence will be punishable on summary conviction by a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (**\$250,000.00**) and to imprisonment for **six (6) months**.
4. **Clause 2** of the Bill further proposes to amend Section 7 of the Act to increase the penalties for the offences therein as follows:

Offence	Section	Previous Penalty	New Penalty
(a) Refusing to answer/knowingly giving an untrue answer/intentionally withholding any information reasonably required/ knowingly furnishing false information to an officer or person acting with authority under the Act; (b) Refusing or willfully omitting to do any act or carry out a lawful order, instruction or condition made under the Act, given or imposed by an officer or other person acting under the authority of the Act; or (c) Assaulting, resisting, willfully obstructing or intimidating an officer or other person acting under the authority of the Act/ offering or giving a bribe to any officer or person in	7(1)	A fine of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) and to imprisonment for six (6) months .	A fine of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) and to imprisonment for one (1) year .

¹ https://rgd.legalaffairs.gov.tt/laws2/Alphabetical_List/lawspdfs/28.05.pdf

² Currently, Section 4 empowers the Minister of Health to make Regulations to prevent:

(a) danger to public health coming from ships or aircrafts or danger to public health due to persons or things on ships and aircrafts, arriving at any place; and
(b) the spread of infection by means of any ship or aircraft about to leave any place, or the spread of infection through persons or things about to leave ships or aircrafts.

connection with their powers or duties under the Act/ being such officer or person, demanding, soliciting or taking a bribe in connection with their powers or duties under the Act/ otherwise obstructing the execution of the Act.			
Committing any offence against the Act, other than an offence under Section 7(1).	7(2)	A fine of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) and to imprisonment for six (6) months .	A fine of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) and to imprisonment for one (1) year .

REFERENCES

KEY LEGISLATION



The Quarantine Act, Chap. 28:05

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