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## A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE BOAT REGISTRATION ACT

### Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

#### 1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act, which amends the Boat Registration Act (*Ch. 277*), may be cited as the Boat Registration (Amendment) Act, 2020.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

#### 2. Insertion of new section 3A into *Ch. 277*.

The Boat Registration Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 3 of the following new section —

“ **3A. Electronic submission of applications.**

- (1) The Minister may enter into an agreement with a vendor to administer the electronic —
  - (a) submission and processing of applications; and
  - (b) issuance of permits and licences,under the Boat Registration (Yacht), Rules.<sup>1</sup>
- (2) An application submitted in accordance with subsection (1) shall be deemed to be an application made to the Authority.
- (3) A vendor authorized under subsection (1) shall —
  - (a) grant the Authority electronic access to every application made in accordance with subsection (1) to facilitate the Authority's approval of the application;
  - (b) only issue a permit or licence where the Authority has approved the application;

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<sup>1</sup>*Sub. Leg. Vol. IV Ch. 277-13.*

- (c) be entitled to charge, collect and retain a processing fee, as agreed in consultation with the Minister, in respect of every application made and permit or licence issued under the Boat Registration (Yacht) Rules<sup>2</sup>; and
- (d) charge, collect and transfer to the Authority, in respect of every application made and permit or licence issued under the Boat Registration (Yacht), Rules, the fee payable in accordance with the *Second Schedule* of those Rules.”.

### **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill seeks to amend the principal Act to insert a new section 3A which empowers the Minister to approve a vendor to administer the submission and processing of applications made under the Boat Registration (Yacht), Rules and the subsequent electronic issuance of a permit or licence.

The proposed new section 3A also seeks to provide for the charging of a processing fee by the vendor and the forwarding of the application fees, paid by an applicant, to the Authority.

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<sup>2</sup>*Sub. Leg. Vol. IV Ch. 277-13.*