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AN ACT to Provide for a system of compulsory national registration of individuals, to Provide for the establishment and functions of a body to be known as the National Registration Commission to oversee the administration of the system of compulsory national registration and for connected matters.

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BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Preliminary

1. This Act may be cited as the National Registration Act, 2000 and shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Minister by Notice published in the *Gazette*.

Short title and commencement.

Date: 2000 Dec.

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Interpretation.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

“civil data” means biographical information about individuals;

“Commission” means the National Registration Commission established under section 3;

“functions” includes powers and duties;

“National Register” means the National Register constituted under this Act.

National Registration Commission

Establishment of Commission.

3.—(1) There is hereby established for the purposes of this Act, a body to be called the National Registration Commission which shall be a body corporate to which the provisions of section 28 of the Interpretation Act shall apply.

First Schedule.

(2) The provisions of the First Schedule shall have effect as to the constitution of the Commission and otherwise in relation thereto.

Functions of Commission.

4.—(1) The Commission shall administer and maintain a national registration system in accordance with the provisions of this Act and of any regulations made thereunder and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall—

(a) establish a reliable database on—

(i) citizens of Jamaica; and

(ii) other individuals,

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(b) issue each citizen of Jamaica or other individual ordinarily resident in Jamaica, an identification card and a lifetime registration number unique to such individual;

- (c) establish, maintain and manage a programme, of co-operation with data users and data providers with a view to preparing an official record of all citizens of Jamaica and other individuals ordinarily resident in Jamaica;
- (d) develop and implement policies and programmes to achieve a continuous and compulsory process of national registration of individuals;
- (e) establish and maintain registration centres in such locations whether in Jamaica or abroad, as may be necessary to facilitate the gathering and processing of data for the purposes of this Act;
- (f) facilitate the co-ordination of the activities of the main users of data for the identification of individuals and the providers of such data ~~so as to enhance cost effectiveness in the gathering and processing of the required data,~~ while having due regard for the privacy of individuals.

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(2) For the purpose of discharging its functions under this Act, the Commission may, subject to the provisions of this Act, do anything and enter into any transaction which in the opinion of the Commission, is necessary to ensure the performance of its functions.

5. The funds and resources of the Commission shall consist of—

Funds of Commission.

- (a) such sums as may from time to time be placed at its disposition by Parliament for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) all sums representing fees imposed by the Commission for the provision of any facility or service;
- (c) such other moneys or property as may become payable to or vested in the Commission in respect of any matter incidental to its functions.

Commission
to be
consulted.

6. Any agency, body or other person having authority over any matter in respect of which the Commission has functions to perform pursuant to this Act shall not, whether provisionally or finally, approve or determine such matter until the Commission has been consulted.

Accounts
and audit.

7.—(1) The Commission shall keep proper accounts and other records in relation to the business of the Commission and shall prepare annually a statement of accounts in a form which conforms with established accounting principles.

(2) The accounts of the Commission shall be audited by an auditor or auditors appointed annually by the Commission and approved by the Auditor-General.

(3) The Auditor-General shall be entitled at all times to examine the accounts of the Commission.

Annual
report and
statement
of accounts.

8.—(1) The Commission shall within six months after the end of each financial year, or such longer period as the Minister may in special circumstances allow, cause to be made, and transmit to the Minister a report dealing generally with the activities of the Commission during the preceding financial year together with the statement of accounts in respect of that year.

(2) The Minister shall cause copies of the report together with copies of the statement of accounts in respect of that year and the auditor's report thereon to be laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

(3) The Commission shall in each year, before a date specified by the Minister, submit to the Minister for his approval, estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year.

Exemption
from
customs
duty, etc.

9. No customs duty, general consumption tax or other similar impost shall be payable in respect of the importation into, taking out of bond in or, as the case may be, purchase

in Jamaica of any article which the Commission certifies to be required for use by the Commission in the performance of its functions under this Act.

10.—(1) The Commission shall be exempt from income tax, and all real property held by it shall be exempt from property tax. Exemption from tax, duty, etc.

(2) Instruments executed by or on behalf of the Commission shall be exempt from any stamp duty, registration or recording fees which would otherwise be payable in respect thereof.

(3) There shall be exempt from taxation under the Transfer Tax Act any transfer by the Commission of property belonging to it or any right or interest created in, over or otherwise with respect to any such property.

11. The Minister shall be responsible to Parliament for matters concerning the activities of the Commission and, accordingly, the Commission shall keep the Minister fully informed of all such matters, and shall furnish the Minister with such information as he may request with respect to any particular matter. Ministerial responsibility.

Appointment of Director-General and Staff

12.—(1) The Commission shall appoint a Director-General, at such remuneration and on such other terms and conditions as it thinks fit, who shall be in charge of the day-to-day management and operation of the functions of the Commission and who shall be responsible for the management of the National Register. Director-General and other officers and agents.

(2) The Commission may appoint and employ, at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit such directors, field officers, registration officers, district registrars, other officers, employees and agents as it thinks necessary for the proper performance of the functions

of the Commission, however, except with the prior approval of the Minister—

- (a) no salary in excess of the prescribed rate shall be assigned to any post; and
- (b) no appointment shall be made to any post to which a salary in excess of the prescribed rate is assigned.

rate (3) In this section "prescribed rate" means five hundred thousand dollars or such higher tra~~e~~ as may be approved by order of the Minister.

(4) The Governor-General may, subject to such conditions as he may impose, approve of the appointment of any officer in the service of the Government, to the staff of the Commission and any officer so appointed shall during such appointment, in relation to pension, gratuity or other allowances and in relation to other rights as a public officer, be treated as continuing in the service of the Government.

Pension
scheme,
medical or
other
benefits.

13. The Commission may—

- (a) enter into arrangements in respect of schemes, whether by way of insurance policies or not; and
- (b) with the approval of the Minister, make regulations,

for medical benefits, pensions, gratuities and other retiring benefits or disability or death benefits, in respect of the employees of the Commission and such arrangements or regulations may include provisions for the grant of benefits to the dependents and legal personal representatives of such employees.

Oath of
secrecy.

14. Every member of the Commission and every member of staff shall, before he initially performs functions assigned

to him by virtue of this Act, take and subscribe an oath to be administered in the form set out in the Second Schedule—

Second
Schedule.

- (a) in the case of a person other than the Chairman, by the Chairman, the Director-General or a Justice of the Peace;
- (b) in the case of the Chairman, by the Governor-General.

15.—(1) Every person having any official duty or being employed in the administration of this Act shall regard and deal with as secret and confidential all documents, information and records obtained in pursuance of the provisions of this Act.

Obligation
for secrecy.

(2) Every such person having possession of or control over any such documents, information or records, who at any time communicates or attempts to communicate such information or anything contained in such documents or records to any person—

- (a) other than to a person to whom he is authorized to communicate it; or
- (b) otherwise than for the purposes of this Act,

commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

Registration

16. Every person falling within any category specified in the Third Schedule shall apply in accordance with the rules set out in the Fourth Schedule for registration under this Act.

Registration
procedure.
Third and
Fourth
Schedules.

17.—(1) Upon the registration of an individual under this Act the Director-General shall cause—

Registration
number,
identification
card.

- (a) a registration number to be assigned;

(b) an identification card to be issued, in respect of such individual.

(2) The registration number shall be different for each individual.

When registration number required.

18. Every person required to be registered under this Act shall supply his registration number when carrying out a transaction with any public agency when so requested in the course of the lawful execution of the duties of an employee of such agency.

When identification card required.

Fifth Schedule.

19. Every person required to be registered under this Act shall produce upon reasonable request his identification card in the circumstances specified in the Fifth Schedule or such other circumstances as may be prescribed.

National Register

National register.

20.—(1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be a National Register consisting of the information relating to individuals which is required by this Act or as may be prescribed, to be supplied for the purposes of registration under this Act.

(2) The National Register shall be in such form as may be prescribed and shall contain—

- (a) in relation to each person registered, his name and registration number;
- (b) such other information and particulars as may be required of a district registrar pursuant to section 26; and
- (c) such other particulars as the Director-General may require.

Status of national register.

21.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), the National Register shall, in relation to any particular date after the date of the first publication thereof, constitute the primary record of the

matters contained therein, in relation to individuals ordinarily resident in Jamaica at that date.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the National Register shall not be regarded as affecting the status of the general register of births and the general register of deaths constituted under the Registration (Births and Deaths) Act or the status of other information or records relating to individuals connected with Jamaica constituted under any other law.

22. Alterations may be made in the National Register under the direction of the Director-General in the following circumstances—

Alterations
National
Register.

- (a) upon the direction in writing of the Commission;
- (b) as necessary upon a change in any of the information or particulars mentioned in section 20 (2).

Administration

23. For the purposes of this Act, Jamaica shall be divided into registration districts which shall be under the supervision of district registrars.

Registration
districts.

24.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Commission shall establish such number of centres (in this Act referred to as registration centres)—

Registration
centres.

- (a) in Jamaica, not being less than 14; or
 - (b) outside Jamaica, as it may deem appropriate,
- to facilitate registration under this Act.

(2) Each registration centre shall be under the direct supervision of a registration officer.

(3) The Commission may assign to each registration centre such number of auxiliary registration units to facilitate the carrying out of registration functions under this Act.

(4) In determining the number and location of registration centres and auxiliary registration units, the Commission shall have regard to considerations of a geographical, demographic or economic nature and such other factors as might influence attendance at the registration centres.

House-to-house enquiry.

25. Where the Commission determines that the circumstances so warrant, the information required for the purpose of registration under this Act may be obtained by means of house-to-house enquiry by district registrars in accordance with the procedure specified in the Fourth Schedule.

Fourth Schedule.

Duties of district registrar.

26. The district registrar for each registration district shall, in addition to such other duties as he may be assigned in pursuance of this Act—

- (a) enter the information in respect of any individual which has been supplied in accordance with the requirements of this Act in the register for that district in the prescribed form;
- (b) supply to the Director-General on a monthly basis returns from his district register containing such particulars as may be prescribed.

Special Provisions in Relation to Information and Evidence

Supply of information on individuals.

27. The Commission may by notice in the prescribed form require any person to whom such notice is addressed, to supply the Commission with such information relevant to any person required to be registered under this Act as may lawfully be required pursuant to this Act and as relates to any of the matters specified in the Appendix to the Fourth Schedule.

Notification of change in particulars.

28. Every person who is required other than in the performance of his functions to supply information relating to the registration of an individual under this Act shall in such

manner as the Commission may determine, notify the Authority of any change in any of the particulars relating to the registration of that individual.

29.—(1) Any person duly authorized in that behalf by the Commission may, pursuant to the warrant of a Resident Magistrate, granted in accordance with subsection (2), at all reasonable times enter premises specified in the warrant for the purposes of ensuring compliance with the provisions of this Act. Powers of entry.

(2) Where a Resident Magistrate is satisfied upon the application by any person that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that an offence under this Act has been, is being or is about to be committed on premises specified in the information, or that evidence relating to the commission of such offence or any other offence under this Act is to be found thereon, he may grant a search warrant authorizing a person named in the warrant to enter at any time or times within one month from the date of the warrant the premises specified in the information and to search those premises.

30. Entries in the National Register or certified extracts therefrom duly certified by the Commission and purporting to have been made in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be admissible in any court proceedings as *prima facie* evidence of the matters set forth therein. Entries as evidence.

Offences

31. A person commits an offence who is required to be registered under this Act or to supply for the purposes of this Act, information in relation to either himself or to another person, ~~commits an offence if,~~ without reasonable excuse he— Miscellaneous offences.

- (a) refuses or neglects to supply particulars required of him by this Act or any regulations made thereunder;

(b) refuses or neglects to answer any question relating to the registration under this Act of himself or any other person for whose registration he is responsible and addressed to him by any person acting under the authority of this Act;

(c) fails to report a change of any information required of him in relation to the particulars contained in an identification card, issued under this Act,

and shall be liable on summary conviction in a Resident Magistrate's Court to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

False claims,
falsification
of docu-
ments.

32. A person commits an offence if—

(a) in relation to any enquiry made of him or any requirement imposed on him for the purposes of this Act or any regulations made hereunder he makes a statement which he knows to be false in any material particular;

(b) he falsifies or makes any entry which he knows to be false in any record, register, identification card or other document issued or required to be kept for the purposes of this Act or any regulations thereunder;

(c) by means of any statements or actions which he either knows to be false or has no reasonable cause to believe to be true, he obtains or attempts to obtain any identification card assigned or registration number issued under this Act.

Unlawfully
obtaining
or destroy-
ing identifi-
cation card
or other
document.

33. A person commits an offence if he—

(a) unlawfully obtains the identification card issued under this Act in respect of any other person;

(b) wilfully and with intent to defraud, conceals, alters, damages or destroys any identification card, regis-

ter, record or other document issued or required to be kept under this Act;

- (c) fails to disclose to the Commission the loss, alteration or damage of an identification card in relation to himself or any person for whose registration he is responsible;
- (d) unlawfully ^{being knowingly and unlawfully} produces a document purporting to be an identification card issued under this Act;
- (e) by personation or false representation holds himself out to be the rightful holder of an identification card issued under this Act;
- (f) parts with possession of an identification card to another person without lawful authority or for an unlawful purpose.

34. Any person who obstructs the Commission, or threatens or obstructs any officer or agent of the Commission acting for the purpose of the administration of this Act commits an offence.

Obstruction of Commission and officer.

35. Any person who with intent to defraud or injure, for the purpose of any transaction uses a registration number assigned to another person commits an offence.

Fraudulent use of registration number.

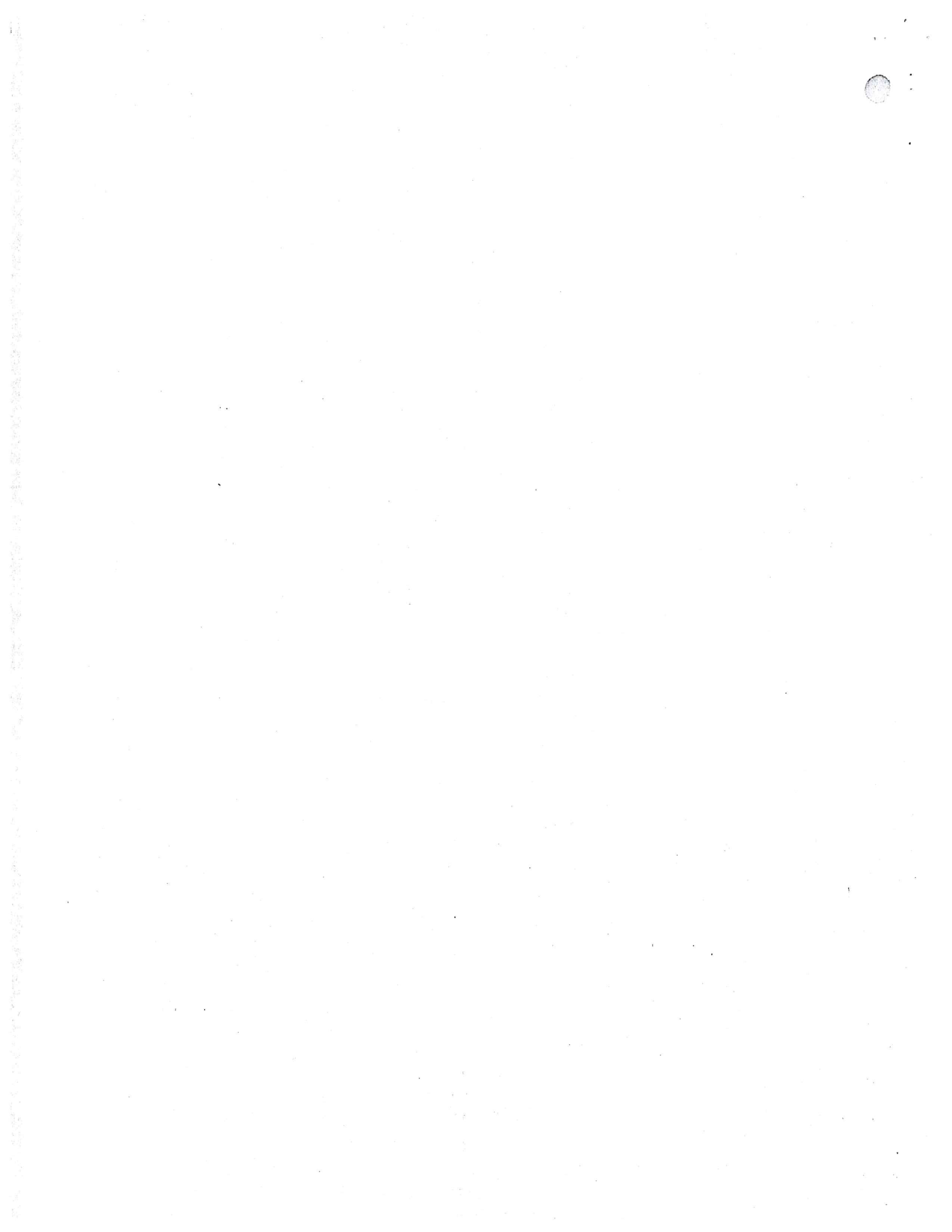
36. Any person who commits an offence against this Act for which no penalty is prescribed shall be liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding seven hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

General Penalty.

37.—(1) If a Resident Magistrate is satisfied by information on oath that there is reasonable cause to believe that any person has in his custody or possession without lawful authority—

Seizure and forfeiture.

- (a) any identification card issued under this Act;



- (b) any document purporting to be an identification card issued under this Act;
- (c) any machinery, implement, utensil, or material used or intended to be used for the forgery of any identification card;
- (d) any other thing by means of which or in respect of which a constable could reasonably believe that an offence against this Act has been committed or which may be evidence of the commission of such offence,

the Resident Magistrate may act in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) the Resident Magistrate may grant a warrant authorizing any constable named in the warrant at any time or times within one month from the date of the warrant to enter, if need be by force, the premises named in the warrant, and to search the premises and any persons found therein, and if there is reasonable ground for suspecting that any article found is connected with the commission of an offence against this Act, to seize or detain the article, as the case may be.

(3) Where an article seized pursuant to this section has been used in, or in connection with, the commission of an offence against this Act in relation to which there has been a conviction, the Court shall upon the application of the prosecution order the forfeiture of the article.

Regulations

Regulations.

38.—(1) The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Commission, make regulations generally for giving effect to the provisions of this Act, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing may make regulations—

- (a) prescribing the particulars and information required to be collected in relation to persons registered or required to be registered under this Act;



- (b) prescribing the form and manner of keeping of records, registers or other documents and the submission of returns;
- (c) regarding the alteration of records, identification cards or other documents for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of particulars when a change of circumstances affecting such particulars occurs;
- (d) regarding the issue, replacement, surrender or cancellation of identification cards;
- (e) prescribing the duties of persons employed to carry out functions under this Act;
- (f) prescribing a tariff of fees for the supply of information, the replacement of identification cards upon loss or the performance of any other special function by the Commission;
- (g) prescribing any other matter required by this Act to be prescribed.

(2) Regulations made under this section shall be subject to affirmative resolution.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 29 of the Interpretation Act, regulations made under this Act may prescribe greater penalties than those specified in that section, so, however, that the maximum penalty that may be imposed shall be a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 3)

Constitution of the Commission. 1.—(1) The Commission shall consist of five members of which two shall be *ex officio* and three shall be members appointed by the Governor-General by instrument under the Broad Seal after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition (the latter members being hereinafter referred to as the independent members).

(2) The *ex officio* members shall be—

- (a) The Chairman of the Electoral Advisory Committee;
- (b) The Registrar-General or his nominee.

Executive Chairman.

2.—(1) The members of the Commission shall within two weeks of the constitution of the Commission nominate an independent member for appointment by the Governor-General as Chairman.

(2) Where the members fail to act pursuant to subparagraph (1), the Governor-General shall, after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition appoint an independent member to be Chairman.

Performance of Governor-General's functions if no Leader of the Opposition.

3. Where, pursuant to paragraph 1 or 2, the Governor-General is directed to act on the advice of or after consultation with, the Leader of the Opposition and—

- (a) there is no person holding the office of Leader of the Opposition; or
- (b) the holder of that office is unwilling or, by reason of his illness or absence from Jamaica, unable to perform his functions in that regard,

the Governor-General shall act as if the reference in those paragraphs to the Leader of the Opposition were a reference to such person as the Governor-General, in his discretion, considers appropriate.

Tenure of office.

4.—(1) The appointment of every independent member of the Commission shall, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, be for a period of seven years.

(2) Each independent member of the Commission shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Temporary appointments.

5. The Governor-General may appoint any person to act temporarily in the place of any independent member of the Commission, in the case of the absence or inability to act of such member.

Vacancy.

6. The office of a member of the Commission shall become vacant—

- (a) if he resigns his office;

(b) in the case of an independent member, if his appointment is revoked by the Governor-General after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

Resignation from office.

7. Any independent member of the Commission may at any time resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Governor-General and transmitted through the Chairman, and from the date of the receipt by the Governor-General of such instrument the member shall cease to hold office.

Procedure for meetings.

8.—(1) The Commission shall meet at least once every three months and subject thereto, as often as may be necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions under this Act, and such meetings may be held at such places and times and on such days as the Commission may determine.

(2) The Chairman may at any time call a special meeting of the Commission, and shall call a special meeting within 7 days of his receiving the written request for that purpose addressed to him by at least one *ex officio* member and one independent member, respectively.

(3) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Commission and if the Chairman is absent from a meeting the members present shall elect one of the independent members to preside at that meeting.

(4) The quorum of the Commission shall be three, consisting of the Chairman and at least one independent member.

(5) The decisions of the Commission shall be by a majority of votes and in addition to an original vote the Chairman or other member presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote in any case in which the voting is equal.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the Commission may regulate its own proceedings.

(7) The validity of any proceedings of the Commission shall not be affected by any vacancy among the members thereof or by any defect in the appointment of a member thereof.

(8) Minutes in proper form of each meeting of the Commission shall be kept and shall be confirmed as soon as practicable at a subsequent meeting.

(9) The Director-General of the Authority shall serve as the Secretary of the Commission.

Remuneration of independent members.

(9) The Director-General of the Commission shall serve such remuneration, if any, whether by way of salary, honorarium, travelling or other allowances as the House of Representatives may by resolution determine.

Seal and authentication of documents.

10.—(1) The seal of the Commission shall be kept in the custody of the Director-General or of any officer authorized by the Commission in that behalf, and shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman or one of the independent members authorized to act in that behalf, and the Secretary of the Commission.

(2) All documents, other than those required by law to be under seal, made by, and all decisions of, the Commission may be signified under the hand of the Chairman or any other member authorized in that behalf.

Protection of members.

11.—(1) No action, suit, prosecution or other proceedings shall be brought or instituted personally against any member for any act or default of the Commission done or omitted to be done in good faith in pursuance or execution or intended execution of this Act.

(2) Where any member of the Commission is exempt from liability by reason only of the provisions of this paragraph, the Commission shall be liable to the extent that it would have been if that member were an employee or agent of the Commission.

Office of independent member not a public office.

12. The office of independent member shall not be a public office for the purpose of Chapter V of the Constitution of Jamaica.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Section 14)

Form of Declaration

I, do solemnly and sincerely,
(Name of Employee)

declare and affirm that I understand and am aware that I must not divulge any information gained by me as a result of my office/employment with the National Registration Commission to any unauthorized person, whether orally, in writing, or by any other means without the previous sanction of the [head of] or other appropriate authority. I understand also that this undertaking shall apply not only during the period of my office/employment but also after my office/employment with the Commission has ceased.

*DE
COMMISSION*

.....
Signature of Employee

Declared before me this.....day of....., 199.

.....
Commission-Chairman/Director-General/Justice of the Peace

THIRD SCHEDULE (Section 16)

Persons required to register or provide information relating to registration

1. A citizen of Jamaica of 18 years of age or over who—
 - (a) is [ordinarily] resident in Jamaica;
 - (b) being resident outside of Jamaica makes application on his own behalf for a Jamaican passport.
2. In the case of a citizen of Jamaica under the age of 18 years who—
 - (a) is [ordinarily] resident in Jamaica;
 - (b) being resident outside of Jamaica is the subject of an application for a Jamaican passport, the father and mother or the lawful guardian, as the case may be shall fulfill the registration requirements.
3. In the case of an infant or person incapacitated by disability, the guardian or committee responsible for the management of the affairs of such person shall fulfill the registration requirements.
4. In the case of an inmate of a correctional institution, mental hospital or almshouse the person responsible for the administration of such institution shall fulfill the registration requirements.
5. Any person of the age of 18 years or over not falling within any of the above categories and who is ordinarily resident in Jamaica whether or not by reason of duties of employment (other than an employee of an Embassy, High Commission, Consulate, or International Organization or members of household of such employee, entitled to diplomatic privileges under the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act).
6. The father and mother or the lawful guardian as the case may be, of any person under the age of 18 years not falling into any of the abovementioned categories who is ordinarily resident in Jamaica (and not excluded on diplomatic grounds as specified in paragraph 5).

FOURTH SCHEDULE (Sections 16, 25 and 27)

Registration Procedure

1. Any person who is required to be registered or as the case may be, to supply information relating to himself or another individual (hereinafter called the registrant) shall be interviewed by a Registration Officer or a District Registrar at a registration centre, mobile centre, in the home of such person or within its vicinity or other prescribed place.
2. The registrant shall supply such personal data as specified in the Appendix as the Registration Officer or District Registrar may lawfully require.

3. The registrant shall allow the taking of such fingerprints, photographs and specimen signature as the Registration Officer or District Registrar is required to obtain, unless this is impracticable due to inability or other circumstances beyond the control of the registrant.

APPENDIX

Personal Data Fields

(Paragraph 2)

1. Name:
.....
Surname *First name* *Middle name(s)*
2. Name at Birth (if different from above):
.....
Surname *First name* *Middle name(s)*
3. Indicate Reason for Name Change:
Adoption [] Deed Poll []
Marriage [] other (specify)
If Deed Poll state previous name.....
4. Gender:
Male [] Female []
5. Marital Status:
Single [] Married [] Widowed []
Separated [] Divorced [] Common Law []
(If married please state date of marriage below).....
6. Date of marriage:
Year.....Month.....Day.....
*Marriage Officer:
Surname *First Name* *Middle Name(s)*
7. Date of Birth: Year.....Month.....Day.....
8. Country of Birth: Jamaica [] other (specify).....
9. Parish of Birth:
10. Place of Birth:
[Parish] (District)

11. Nationality: Jamaican.....
(if Jamaican please specify whether by
Birth, Descent, Naturalization or
Registration)

other (specify)

12. Telephone Number: Home..... Work.....

13. Home Address:

14. Mailing Address:

(if different from home address)

15. Change of Address: ~~.....~~
~~(reason(s) for change)~~

16. Mother: Maiden Name First Name Middle Name(s)

17. Father: Surname First Name Middle Name(s)

18. Spouse: Surname First Name Middle Name(s)

Spouse TRN No.:

19. ^{APPL (MAY)} N.I.S. No.:

Income Tax Ref. No.:

T.R.N. No.:

20. Driver's Licence No.:

Passport No. and Type:

Birth Registration No.:

21. Occupation/Profession:

22. Height:
(Metres/Centimetres)

23. Number of Members of Household:
(18 years and over)

24. Distinguishing mark(s):

25. Employer's Name and Address:

FIFTH SCHEDULE (Section 19)

Circumstances in which identification card is required

1. Making application for—
 - (i) passport;
 - (ii) driver's licence;
 - (iii) national health insurance, drugs under the drugs for the elderly programme;
 - (iv) Criminal record.
2. Sending or receiving registered mail.
3. Receiving money drafts or money orders from public or private institutions.
4. Receiving benefits from:—
 - (i) National Housing Trust;
 - (ii) Ministry/agency responsible for social security (such as death grants, food stamps);
 - (iii) National Health Insurance.
5. Casting of ballots at elections of members to serve in the House of Representatives or of Councillors to serve on a Parish Council or on the Council of the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In 1978 it was decided that a national registration system should be established for the registration of Jamaican citizens and other persons connected with Jamaica. Since then the matter has been examined by various bodies and a comprehensive report on the matter was prepared by the Electoral Advisory Committee in 1982. The recommendations contained in that report were revived in 1993 and it was determined that a body, to be known as the National Registration Commission should be established to implement the system.

The need for a national registration system has arisen out of a recognition of the increasing demand from public agencies in Jamaica for a common national identification system for citizens and other persons resident in Jamaica. Significant among these agencies are the Electoral Office, the Passport Office, the National Housing Trust, the National Insurance Scheme and the Revenue Board.

It is expected that the sharing of common identification data between agencies will enhance the efficiency of the services rendered by these agencies to their users. It cannot however be overstated that in the exchange of data between agencies, the obligation not to unduly encroach on the privacy of individuals will be honoured.

The basic objective of the national registration system will be to provide each Jamaican citizen or [long-term] [permanent] resident with a unique lifetime national identification number and a national identity card.

The proposed system will embrace the following operational principles—

1. Applicable persons [namely individuals who are permanent residents of Jamaica whether citizens of Jamaica or not] will be required to be registered under the system. [Citizens of Jamaica residing overseas and who are not registered will be [required to be] registered upon their making a request for passport renewal];
2. The system for the compilation of identification data will involve—
 - (a) the entry of [civil] [biographical] data of the individual to establish origin through birth and death analysis and by keeping track of direct genealogical links;
 - (b) the capturing of physical identification data based on computerized fingerprints.

The national registration system will be managed by a body to be called the National Registration Commission which will oversee the administration of the system by the Director-General and staff of the Commission.

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It is expected that when the Commission becomes fully functional the national registration system will be in a position to provide data for clean electoral lists and that the Electoral Advisory Committee will be phased out.

This Bill therefore seeks to implement the above proposals.

JOHN JUNOR,
Minister of Health.

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AN ACT to Provide for a system of compulsory national registration of individuals, to Provide for the establishment and functions of a body to be known as the National Registration Commission to oversee the administration of the system of ~~compulsory national registration~~ to of compulsory national registration and for connected matters.

As introduced by the Honourable Minister of Health.

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