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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE IMMIGRATION ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act, which amends the Immigration Act (*Ch. 191*), may be cited as the Immigration (Amendment) Act, 2020.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on such date as the Minister may appoint by Notice, published in the *Gazette*.

2. Amends section 2 of the principal Act.

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended, in the definition of the expression and term “engage in gainful occupation”, by inserting, immediately after the words “subject to any exceptions which may be prescribed” the words, “or to the Fisheries Act or any other law to the contrary”.

3. Inserts new section 32A into the principal Act.

The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 32, the following as a new section 32A —

“ 32A. Supplementary to the provisions of this Act.

The right to engage in gainful occupation or gainful employment granted by any permit issued under this Act —

- (a) does not include a right to engage in commercial fishing; and
- (b) shall be, in every case, subject to the Fisheries Act or any other law to the contrary.”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend the Immigration Act (*Ch. 191*) to make clear that persons who are not citizens of The Bahamas shall not engage in commercial fishing and that this sector is reserved specifically for persons who are citizens of The Bahamas.