

BELIZE:

LAND UTILIZATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 2.
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No. 43 of 2017

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)

Governor-General

2nd November, 2017.

AN ACT to amend the Land Utilization Act, Chapter 188 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to strengthen the membership of the Land Subdivision and Utilization Authority; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same as follows:

(Gazetted 4th November, 2017).

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Land Utilization Act, which as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of section 2.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 2 by,
 - (a) inserting the following definition in the appropriate alphabetical order, “Authority” means the Land Subdivision and Utilization Authority established under section 9;”;
 - (b) inserting in the definition of “Minister” immediately after the word “land” the words “, and “Ministry” shall be construed accordingly.”.

Amendment of section 8.

3. The principal Act is amended in section 8:
 - (a) in subsection (2), by deleting the words “Commissioner of Lands” and substituting the words “Chairperson of the Authority”;
 - (b) in subsection (3) by deleting the words “Commissioner of Lands and Surveys” and substituting the words “ Chairperson of the Authority”.

Repeal and replacement of section 9.

4. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 9 and substituting the following:

“Land Subdivision and Utilization Authority.

9. (1) There shall be a Land Subdivision and Utilization Authority which shall be comprised of,

- (a) the Director of the Natural Resources Department in the Ministry, who shall be the Chairperson of the Authority;

- (b) the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys or his representative;
- (c) the Chief Engineer or his representative;
- (d) the Chief Forest Officer or his representative;
- (e) the Chief Agricultural Officer or his representative;
- (f) the Chief Environmental Officer or his representative;
- (g) the National Coordinator appointed under the Disaster Preparedness and Response Act; and
- (h) the Principal Planner, who shall be the Secretary to the Authority.

(2) Any four of the members mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (f) of subsection (1) shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Authority.”