

COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

ACT No. 4 OF 2001

I assent

VERNON L. SHAW
President

23rd May, 2001

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE SMALL CHARGES ACT,
CHAP. 10:39.**

(Gazetted 31st May, 2001.)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Commonwealth
of Dominica as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the -

Short title.

SMALL CHARGES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2001.

2. The Small Charges Act is amended by inserting after
section 10 thereof the following new sections as sections
10A and 10B:

Insertion of new
sections 10A & 10B
in Chap. 10:39.

“Prohibition of harassment. **10A.(1)** Subject to subsection (2), no
person shall, at any time
harass another person in any
public place.

(2) It shall be a defence to a charge under sub-section (1) for the person charged to prove that he had lawful authority or excuse to engage in any aspect of that conduct described or defined in subsection (4).

(3) A person who harasses another person contrary to subsection (1) is liable to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months.

(4) For the purpose of this section "harass" means to molest, trouble, threaten, worry, accost, jeer, insult, persistently beg or follow about any person, in a public place and "harassing" and "harassed" shall be construed accordingly.

Power, Charge
and arrest.

10B. A police officer may charge or, without a warrant, arrest or both charge and arrest any person whom he sees harassing or whom he reasonably suspects to be harassing or to have harassed another person."

Commencement.

3. This Act shall come into force on such day as the Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 3rd day of April, 2001.

ALEX F. PHILLIP (MRS.)
Clerk of the House of Assembly

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