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CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE ACT

[Date of Assent - 31st March, 2017]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

Short title.

This Act, which amends the Criminal Procedure Code Act, may be cited as the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Act, 2017.

Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act.

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the definition of “indictable offence” and the replacement of the following new definition—

“ “indictable offence” means any offence which is triable on information before the Supreme Court;”.

Amendment of section 58 of the principal Act.

Section 58 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately following subsection (7) of the following new subsection (8)—

“(8) Where an offence is triable either summarily or on information and an accused person has no right to elect the mode of trial, the prosecution of such an offence may be commenced on behalf of the Crown either summarily as permitted by section 213 of this Code or on information as permitted by this Code, without any reference to the magistrate for determination of the mode of trial.”.