

BELIZE:

PROTECTED AREAS CONSERVATION TRUST
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 33.



No. 26 of 2017

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)
Governor-General

31st March, 2017

AN ACT to amend the Protected Areas Conservation Trust Act, Chapter 218 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to introduce a development fee, which, subject to specified exceptions, is to be, collected from every non-Belizean departing from any air border, administered with support from the Protected Areas Conservation Trust, and payable into the Consolidated Revenue Fund; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 31st March, 2017.)

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives in accordance with the provisions of section 78 of the Constitution and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title and
construction.

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and shall be and shall be read and construed as one with the Protected Areas Conservation Trust Act which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of
section 33.

2. Section 33 of the principal Act is amended,

(a) in the marginal note by inserting after the words “conservation fee” the words “and development fee”;

(b) in subsection (1) by inserting after the word “fee” the words “(to be known as a “conservation fee”);”;

(c) by inserting next after subsection (1) the following as subsection (1A),

“(1A) Subject to the provisions of this section, there shall be levied and collected from every non-Belizean person departing from any air border point, a fee (to be known as a “development fee”) equivalent to thirty-two dollars and fifty cents in Belizean currency.”

(d) in subsection (2), by deleting the words “fee mentioned in subsection (1)” and substituting therefor the words “fees mentioned in subsections (1) and (1A), respectively,”;

(e) in subsection (3), by deleting the words “conservation fee payable under subsection (1)” and substituting therefor the words “fees mentioned in subsections (1) and (1A), respectively,”;

(f) by inserting next after subsection (4) the following as subsection (4A),

“(4A) The development fee shall be paid monthly within thirty days from the last day of any preceding calendar month period of collection to,

(a) the Accountant General, or

(b) the Executive Director of the Trust for onward submission to the Accountant General,

for the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.”;

(g) in subsection (5), by inserting immediately after the words “Trust” the words “or the development fee levied under this section to the Accountant General, or as the case may be, the Executive Director of the Trust for onward transmission to the Accountant General”;

(h) in subsection (6), by inserting immediately after the words “conservation fee” the words “or development fee”;

(i) in subsection (8), by inserting immediately after the words “conservation fee” the words “and development fee, respectively”;

(j) by inserting next after subsection (8) the following as subsection (9),

“(9) For the purposes of this section a person is non-Belizean if the person is neither a citizen nor legal permanent resident of Belize.”.