

# AS TABLED IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

## **A BILL**

### **entitled**

#### **BERMUDA IMMIGRATION AND PROTECTION AMENDMENT ACT 2026**

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956 to provide for the Chairman of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal to dismiss an appeal where the appellant has failed, for a period of six months, to pursue his appeal; for Rules to be made as to the manner in which appeals may be dismissed; and for persons aggrieved by such a decision to appeal to the Supreme Court;

Be it enacted by The King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

#### **Citation**

1 This Act, which amends the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956, may be cited as the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Amendment Act 2026.

#### **Amends section 13E**

2 Section 13E of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956 is amended by inserting the following after subsection (2)—

“(2A) The Chairman may, where an appellant has for a period of six months failed to pursue his appeal, dismiss the appeal.”.

#### **Amends section 13F**

3 Section 13F(2) of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph (e)—

“(ea) as to the manner in which the Chairman may dismiss an appeal pursuant to section 13E(2A);”.

#### **Amends section 13G**

4 Section 13G of the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956 is amended—

(a) by deleting “Tribunal,” and substituting “Tribunal or a decision of the Chairman to dismiss his appeal,”;

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- (b) by deleting “Tribunal.” and substituting “Tribunal or the decision of the Chairman.”.

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### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to amend the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956 as follows.

Clause 1 is self-explanatory.

Clause 2 amends section 13E by providing for the Chairman of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal to dismiss an appeal where the appellant has failed to pursue his appeal for a period of six months.

Clause 3 amends section 13F(2) by providing for the Immigration Appeal Tribunal to make Rules as to the manner in which the Chairman may dismiss an appeal.

Clause 4 amends section 13G to provide for persons who are aggrieved by a decision of the Chairman to dismiss their appeal to make an appeal to the Supreme Court.