

AS TABLED IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

A BILL

entitled

GOVERNMENT FEES AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION ACT 2021

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Government Fees Regulations 1976 and to validate certain fees imposed under those Regulations;

Be it enacted by The Queen'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 may be cited as the Government Fees Amendment and Validation Act 2021.

Amends the Government Fees Regulations 1976

2 In Head 6 of the Schedule to the Government Fees Regulations 1976 (Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956), after paragraph (15) insert the following new paragraph—

“ (15A)	Granting permission to reside in Bermuda under section 25(1), pursuant to the grant of an economic investment certificate	\$2,625	”.
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Validation provision

3 Where, before the commencement of this Act, a fee of \$2,625 has been imposed under paragraph (16)(d) of Head 6 of the Schedule to the Government Fees Regulations 1976 for the grant to a person by the Minister responsible for immigration of permission to reside in Bermuda pursuant to the grant of an economic investment certificate, that fee shall be deemed to have been validly imposed and paid as if it had been imposed and paid under the new paragraph (15A) inserted by section 2.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Government Fees Regulations 1976 and to validate certain fees imposed under those Regulations.

Clause 1 is self-explanatory.

Clause 2 amends Head 6 of the Schedule to the Government Fees Regulations 1976 (fees prescribed under the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956), to insert new paragraph (15A) which prescribes a fee of \$2,625 for granting Ministerial permission to reside in Bermuda under section 25(1) of the 1956 Act, pursuant to the grant of an economic investment certificate. This fee is the same as the fee imposed under paragraph (16)(d) for grant of a residential certificate under section 32(5) of the 1956 Act.

Clause 3 validates any fee of \$2,625 imposed under paragraph (16)(d) of Head 6 of the Schedule to the Government Fees Regulations 1976 in respect of the grant of Ministerial permission to reside in Bermuda pursuant to the grant of an economic investment certificate, by deeming the fee to have been imposed and paid under the new paragraph (15A) inserted by clause 2.