

**BELIZE:**

**WATER INDUSTRY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

1. Short title.
2. Repeal and replacement of section 6.
3. Insertion of new section 57A.



No. 51 of 2017

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)  
*Governor-General*

29<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

**AN ACT** to amend the Water Industry Act, Chapter 222 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to make further provision for delegation of ministerial functions under the Act, in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, and to empower the Minister responsible for natural resources to delegate certain functions to any Minister of State appointed to assist that Minister; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(Gazetted 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2017)*

***BE IT ENACTED***, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize 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 read and construed as one with the Water Industry Act, which as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of section 6 of principal Act.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 6 by,
  - (a) renumbering the section as subsection (1); and
  - (b) inserting next after subsection (1) as renumbered the following as subsections (2), (3) and (4),

“(2) A delegation under subsection (1) is revocable by the Minister and the delegation of the exercise of a power or the performance of a function shall not preclude its exercise or performance by the Minister.

(3) The provisions of this Act shall apply in relation to a power or a function delegated under this section as they would apply where the power or function is exercised or performed by the Minister.

(4) The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding the provisions of section 59 of the Interpretation Act (power to delegate authority).”.

Insertion of new section 57A in principal Act.

3. The principal Act is amended in Part V by inserting immediately before section 58 the following as section 57A,

“ Delegation of powers and functions by Minister responsible for natural resources.

57A.- (1) The Minister (being the Minister responsible for natural resources, pursuant to section 69) may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, delegate to any Minister of State appointed to assist him, the exercise or performance of all or any of the powers or functions conferred upon the Minister under

the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (2).

(2) The specified provisions are sections 14 (2) and 29 and this Part.

(3) A delegation under subsection (2) is revocable by the Minister and the delegation of the exercise of a power or the performance of a function shall not preclude its exercise or performance by the Minister.

(4) The provisions of this Act shall apply in relation to a power or a function delegated under this section as they would apply where the power or function is exercised or performed by the Minister.

(5) The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding the provisions of section 59 of the Interpretation Act (power to delegate authority).”