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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, R.S.A. C. P125

PUBLIC HEALTH (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS) (STEP 4) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) REGULATIONS, 2021

Regulations made by the Minister with approval of Executive Council under section 8 of the Public Health Act, R.S.A. c. P125.

WHEREAS the disease known as coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a global pandemic which threatens the public health and safety of many territories and states around the globe resulting in widespread infection of persons and resultant deaths of many;

AND WHEREAS the rate of infection and territorial spread of the COVID-19 disease has been confirmed to now be present in the territory;

AND WHEREAS under and by virtue of the Public Health Act, R.S.A. c. P125, the Minister responsible for health is empowered to take necessary measures to protect and preserve the public health and safety of the people of Anguilla from any infectious or notifiable disease;

AND WHEREAS in consequence of the global spread of the infectious disease known as COVID-19 it has become necessary for the Minister to take certain measures;

AND WHEREAS section 2 of the Public Health Act, R.S.A. c. P125 provides that the duties, powers and functions of the Minister shall extend to and include all matters relating to promotion or preservation of the health of the people of Anguilla;

AND WHEREAS section 3(c) of the aforesaid Act provides that in the exercise of his duties, powers and functions under section 2 of the Act the Minister shall have power to make such orders and issue such directions as he deems advisable for the abatement of any nuisance or the removal of any condition which, in his opinion, is or may become injurious to the public health or in respect of any other matter that, in his opinion, is necessary for the purpose of this Act;

AND WHEREAS section 8 of the said Act provides that the Minister may, with the approval of the Executive Council, make regulations for the proper execution and carrying out of the purposes and provisions of the Act generally and in particular with respect to certain specified matters;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue and in the exercise of the powers vested in me by sections 2 and 8 of the Public Health Act, I, Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster, Minister of Health, by and with the approval of the Executive Council, hereby make the Regulations which shall now follow:

Interpretation

1. In these Regulations, principal Regulations means the Public Health (Temporary Restriction on Movement of People and Public Gatherings) (STEP 4) Regulations, 2021 (55/2021).

Amendment of section 1

- 2. Section 1 of the Principal Regulations is deleted and substituted with the following—
 - "1. These Regulations shall apply for the period beginning 26 August 2021 at 23:59 and ending 09 September 2021 at 23:59."

Insertion of section 1A

3. Section 1 of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting the following new section after section 1—

"Restriction on public gatherings

- 1A. Persons who wish to gather indoors or outdoors shall comply with the following provisions—
 - (a) when outdoors, the maximum number of persons permitted to assemble at any time is 25 persons;
 - (b) when indoors, the maximum number of persons permitted to assemble shall be one person for every 30 square feet of floor space but such number shall not exceed 25 persons; and
 - (c) all persons assembling indoors and outdoors shall endeavour to-
 - (i) maintain a physical distance of no less than 3 feet between persons, and
 - (ii) wear a mask in accordance with these Regulations.".

Citation and commencement

4. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Temporary Restriction on Movement of People and Public Gatherings) (Step 4) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations, 2021 and shall come into force on 26 August 2021.

Made by the Minister with approval of the Executive Council this 2 day of August, 2021.

Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster Minister of Health