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AN ACT TO AMEND THE VACCINATION ACT (CAP 12.19)

I assent,
TUPOU VI,
28th October 2021.

BE IT ENACTED by the King and Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows:

1 Short Title and interpretation

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Vaccination (Amendment) Act 2021.
- (2) In this Act, the Vaccination Act (Cap 12.19), as amended, shall be referred to as the 'Principal Act'.

2 New Section 1A

The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 1A immediately after the current section 1, as follows –

“1A Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires –

“**vaccinate**” or “**vaccination**” means that a person receives a recognised and approved vaccine available under the Therapeutics Goods Act;”.

3 Section 4 amended

Section 4 of the Principal Act is repealed and replaced with the following new section –

“4 Vaccination to be compulsory

- (1) Subject to section 181A of the Public Health Act [Cap 12.15], every person shall be vaccinated following the declaration made by the Chief Executive Officer.
- (2) Any person who fails to comply with subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months, or both.”.

4 Section 6 repealed

Section 6 of the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

5 Section 11 repealed

Section 11 of the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

6 Principal Act amended in the Tongan version only

The Principal Act is amended in the Tongan version only by –

- (a) deleting the words “Lao ki he Faito’o Tafa” and replacing them with the words “Lao ki he Huhu Malu’i” wherever it appears; and
- (b) deleting the words “faito’o tafa” and replacing them with the words “huhu malu’i” wherever it appears.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly on this **25th** day of **August** 2021.