

**No. of 2016**

**VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**MAGISTRATE'S CODE OF PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

*Section*

1. Short title.
2. Section 114 amended.
3. Sections 118, 118A, 119, 120, 121, 124, 125 and 126 repealed.
4. Section 126A amended.

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(Amendment) Act, 2016**

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**Governor**

**, 2016**

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**A Bill for**

**An Act** to amend the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act Cap.44 and for connected matters.

[Gazetted , 2016]

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands as follows:

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Magistrate's Code of Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2016.

Section 114  
amended.

**2.** Section 114 of the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act (referred to in this Act as the "principal Act") is amended

- (a) in subsection (1) (f), by deleting the words "and the children of the applicant,";
- (b) in subsection (3), by repealing paragraph (d); and
- (c) in subsection (7), by repealing paragraph (b).

Sections 118,  
118A, 119, 120,  
121, 124, 125  
and 126  
repealed.

**3.** The principal Act is amended by repealing sections 118, 118A, 119, 120, 121, 124, 125 and 126.

Section 126A  
amended.

4. Section 126A of the principal Act is amended by repealing paragraph (d).

Passed by the House of Assembly this      day of      , 2016.

Speaker.

Clerk of the House of Assembly.

## **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill seeks to amend the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act, Cap. 44. (referred to in this Act as "the principal Act"). The amendments are consequential upon the passage of the Child Maintenance and Access Act, 2016 which when passed into law would provide for matters related to maintenance of children. It is therefore necessary to amend the principal Act by revoking the provisions which address the same subject matter.

Clause 1 deals with the short title of the Bill.

Clauses 2, 3 and 4 would repeal the sections of the principal Act which relates specifically to child maintenance issues and now forms part of the Child Maintenance and Access Act, 2016.

Minister for Health and Social Development.