

A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ACT to Amend the Civil Aviation Act.

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BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act, 2015, and shall be read and construed as one with the Civil Aviation Act (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”) and all amendments thereto.

Short title and construction.

Amendment  
of First  
Schedule to  
principal  
Act.

2. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended in paragraph 1(b), by deleting the word “eight” and substituting therefor the word “eleven”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 15th day of September, 2015.

MICHAEL A. PEART  
*Speaker.*

**MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Section 6 of the Civil Aviation Act establishes the Civil Aviation Authority (hereinafter called "the Authority"). The First Schedule to the Act makes provision for the constituting of the Authority, and empowers the Minister to appoint not less than six nor more than eight members to the Authority.

However, in recent times, the Authority has been experiencing a gradual increase in its workload. This increase is due to the demands of the global civil aviation community and the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organization. As such, the Authority has recommended that the number of members of the Authority be increased from nine to twelve.

This Bill seeks, therefore, to amend the Act to empower the Minister to appoint not less than six nor more than eleven members to the Authority. The proposed increase will allow the Authority to manage its workload effectively and efficiently, thereby meeting the needs of the Act and by extension the demands of the global civil aviation community, and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

OMAR DAVIES

Minister of Transport, Works and Housing.

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SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT WHICH  
IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 6)

THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

1. The Authority shall consist of:
  - (a) the Director-General of Civil Aviation who shall be a member *ex officio*; and
  - (b) not less than six nor more than eight other members (hereinafter referred to as appointed members) as the Minister may appoint.

