AN ACT to Validate and confirm all acts in relation to the charging and collection of certain fees done in good faith and inadvertent as to the absence of statutory authority, by the Administrator-General and officers, employees and agents of the Administrator-General's Department in the exercise of their functions under the Administrator-General's Act, during the period commencing on the 30th day of March, 2004, and ending on the 23rd day of December, 2014; to indemnify persons against liability arising out of bona fide carrying out their functions; and for connected matters.

WHEREAS section 60 of the Administrator-General's Act (hereinafter called "the Act") provides that the Minister may make regulations, subject to negative resolution, prescribing anything required by the Act to be prescribed:
AND WHEREAS the Administrator-General’s (Fees) Regulations, 1999, (hereinafter called “the principal Regulations”) were so prescribed, and promulgated on the 16th day of December, 1999, and later amended by the Administrator-General’s (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2004, (hereinafter called “the amending Regulations”) which replaced the fees set out in the Schedule to the principal Regulations:

AND WHEREAS it was the intention of the Minister that the amending Regulations institute a new Investment Fee of “.75 of 1% of the principal sum invested for each investment period”:

AND WHEREAS the investment fee was inadvertently printed in error in the amending Regulations, as published, to read “.750% of 1% of the principal sum invested for each investment period”:

AND WHEREAS thereafter the Administrator-General and officers, employees and agents of the Administrator-General’s Department (the Administrator-General and all such persons being hereinafter collectively called “the Department”) charged and collected an investment fee of .75 of 1% of the principal sum invested for each investment period, and not the .750% of 1% of the principal sum specified by the amending Regulations as published:

AND WHEREAS the principal Regulations were further amended by Regulations promulgated on the 23rd day of December, 2014 by the Administrator-General’s (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 so as to correct the aforementioned printing error:

AND WHEREAS during the period commencing on the 30th day of March, 2004, and ending on the 23rd day of December, 2014, the Department and other persons acting in support of the Department, acted in good faith and inadvertent as to their being without statutory authority, in the purported exercise of the Department’s statutory functions in relation to the charging and collection of the investment fee:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to validate and confirm as lawful the acts of the Department and other persons acting in its support in relation to the charging and collection of the investment fee:
NOW, THEREFORE, 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 Administrator-General’s (Fees Collection) (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2015.

2.—(1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any other enactment, the charging and collection of an investment fee at the rate of 0.75 of 1% of the principal sum invested for each investment period done in good faith and inadvertent as to their being without statutory authority, during the period commencing on the 30th day of March, 2004 and ending on the 23rd day of December, 2014, by the Department and other persons acting in its support, are hereby declared to have been validly, properly and lawfully done to all intents and purposes and with effect as if done in accordance with the Administrator-General’s Act and regulations made thereunder.

(2) Every person liable to be legally proceeded against on the ground that any act referred to in subsection (1) was unauthorized, unlawfully done, or otherwise illegal or improper, for any such reason is freed, acquitted, discharged and indemnified as well against The Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors and as against all persons whosoever, from liability.

Passed in the Senate this 25th day of September, 2015.

FLOYD E. MORRIS
President.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 17th day of November, 2015.

MICHAEL A. PEART
Speaker.
The Administrator-General's (Fees Collection) (Validation and Indemnity) Act, 2015

Passed in the House of Representatives this 17th day of November, 2015.

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This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.

Valerie A. Curtis
Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.