

JAMAICA

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PATRICK L. ALLEN,  
*Governor-General.*

20th day of October, 2009.

AN ACT to Amend the Holidays with Pay Act.

[ The date notified by the Minister  
bringing the Act into operation. ]

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 Holidays with Pay (Amendment) Act, 2009, and shall be read and construed as one with the Holidays with Pay Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto, and shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette*.

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mencement.

Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act. **2.** Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting next after the words “In this Act” the words “unless the context otherwise requires”.

Amendment of section 9 of the principal Act. **3.** Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by deleting all of the words appearing after the words “a fine not exceeding” and substituting therefor the words “two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months”.

Insertion of new sections 10A and 10B in principal Act. **4.** The principal Act is amended by inserting next after section 10 the following as sections 10A and 10B—

“Jurisdiction of Resident Magistrates’ Courts. **10A.** Notwithstanding any provision in any enactment limiting the jurisdiction of the Resident Magistrates’ Courts in relation to claims arising from contract, a Resident Magistrate’s Court shall have jurisdiction, in any action arising from a contract of employment to which this Act applies, where the amount claimed does not exceed five hundred thousand dollars.

“Power of Minister to vary jurisdictional levels of Resident Magistrates’ Courts. **10B.** The Minister may, by order subject to affirmative resolution, vary the monetary jurisdictional levels of the Resident Magistrates’ Courts in relation to claims arising from a contract of employment to which this Act applies.”.

Insertion of new section 12 in principal Act. **5.** The principal Act is amended by inserting next after section 11 the following as section 12—

“Power of Minister to vary fines. **12.** The Minister may by order, subject to affirmative resolution, vary any fine prescribed by this Act.”.