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I Assent,

**Martyn Roper**  
**Governor**

Date: 4th day of September, 2020

**MENTAL HEALTH (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2020****(Law 40 of 2020)****A LAW TO AMEND THE MENTAL HEALTH LAW, 2013 AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP LAW, 2020; AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED PURPOSES**

ENACTED by the Governor in accordance with section 81 of the Constitution, after consultation with the Premier, with the prior approval of the Secretary of State, and pursuant to instructions issued in accordance with section 31 of the Constitution.

**Short title and commencement**

1. (1) This Law may be cited as the Mental Health (Amendment) Law, 2020.
- (2) This Law comes into force immediately after the commencement of the *Civil Partnership Law, 2020*.

**Amendment of section 2 of the Mental Health Law, 2013 - interpretation**

2. The *Mental Health Law, 2013* is amended in section 2(1) as follows —
  - (a) by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical sequence the following definition —

“**“civil partner”** has the meaning assigned by section 2 of the *Civil Partnership Law, 2020*”; and
  - (b) by deleting the definition of the words “**nearest relative**” and substituting the following definition —

“**nearest relative**” means a person of at least eighteen years of age, whether or not living in the Islands, who is, in relation to the person concerned —

- (a) a spouse, a civil partner or a common law partner;
- (b) a son or daughter;
- (c) a parent or legal guardian;
- (d) a brother or sister;
- (e) a grandparent;
- (f) a grandchild;
- (g) an uncle or aunt;
- (h) a nephew or niece;
- (i) a social worker or probation officer employed in that capacity in government or a statutory body;
- (j) the attorney at law representing the person;
- (k) the mental health professional treating the person; or
- (l) a close friend;”.

**Assented to by the Governor the 4th day of September, 2020.**

