

#### SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

### **BILL FOR**

# ACT NO. OF 2024

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Governor - General

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**AN ACT** to amend the Public Order Act, Chapter 396 of the Laws of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Revised Edition, 2009.

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THE PARLIAMENT of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines enacts as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Order (Amendment) Act 2024.

Insertion of sections 15A to 15D

2. The Public Order Act, referred to in this Act as the principal Act, is amended by inserting after section 15 the following new sections-

"Unlawful possession, consumption or supply of intoxicating liquor	15A. (1) A person shall not have in his possession or consume intoxicating liquor-	Cap. 396
	<ul><li>(a) while being part of a funeral procession through a highway, road, or other thoroughfare;</li></ul>	
	(b) while in the precincts of a public cemetery.	
	(2) A person shall not supply intoxicating liquor while in the precincts of a public cemetery.	
	(3) For the purposes of this Act -	
	"intoxicating liquor" has the meaning given in the Liquor Licence Act;	Cap. 473
	"supply" in relation to intoxicating liquor, means-	
	<ul><li>(a) to sell, barter, or exchange the intoxicating liquor and whether or not a reward or consideration is received by the supplier.</li></ul>	

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Exception	15B. Section 15A (1) shall not apply to the possession of intoxicating liquor in a sealed bottle or container.	
Powers pursuant to section 15A	15C. (1) A police officer may arrest without warrant any person whom he finds contravening section 15A if, in the opinion of the police officer, to do so is necessary for the safety of any person.	
	(2) A police officer may confiscate any intoxicating liquor	

(2) A police officer may confiscate any intoxicating liquor in the possession of a person arrested under subsection (1).".

Amendment of section 18

3. Section 18 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection-

"(3) A person who contravenes section 15A commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars.".

Passed in the House of Assembly this

day of

2024.

Clerk of the House of Assembly

## **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill seeks to amend the Public Order Act, Chapter 396 of the Laws of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Revised Edition, 2009.

Dr. the Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, Legal Affairs and Information.