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WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Merchant Shipping Act 1979.

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping Amendment Act 2000.

Interpretation

2 In this Act, "the principal Act" means the Merchant Shipping Act 1979.

Section 65A inserted in principal Act

3 The principal Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 65 —

"Discharge books

65A (1) The Minister may make regulations providing—

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- (a) for the issue to persons who are or have been employed in ships registered in Bermuda of discharge books in such form and containing such particulars with respect to the holders thereof and such other particulars (if any) as may be prescribed by the regulations and for requiring such persons to apply for such discharge books;
- (b) for requiring the holders of discharge books to produce them to such persons and in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations;
- (c) for the surrender of discharge books in such circumstances as may be prescribed by regulations;
- (d) for any incidental or supplementary matters for which the Minister thinks it expedient for the purposes of the regulations to provide;

and any provision of the regulations having effect by virtue of paragraph (a) may be so framed as to apply to all such persons as are mentioned in that paragraph or any description of such persons and as to have effect subject to any exemptions for which provision may be made by the regulations.

(2) Regulations made under this section may make a contravention of any provision thereof an offence punishable on summary conviction with a fine not exceeding \$5,000."