

No.15]

Immigration (Amendment) Act

[2006.

I ASSENT

[L.S.]

PEARLETTE LOUISY,
Governor-General.

20th March, 2006.

SAINT LUCIA

No. 15 of 2006

AN ACT to amend the Immigration Act, Cap 76.

[27th March, 2006]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly and the Senate of Saint Lucia, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Immigration (Amendment) Act 2006.

Amendment of section 7

3. Section 7 of the Immigration Act, Cap 76 is amended by —

(a) deleting subsection (2) (a) and by substituting the following—

"(2)(a) direct that the passport of a subject or citizen of a foreign country shall not be accepted as such unless it bears a visa valid for Saint Lucia;" ; and

(b) inserting the following subsections after subsection (3) –

"(4) A visa required pursuant to this section shall be issued by or on behalf of the Minister, in accordance with Regulations made pursuant to section 39.

(5) An Order made pursuant to subsection (2) shall specify whether a citizen of a foreign country shall obtain a visa prior to entry into Saint Lucia or may obtain a visa on arrival in Saint Lucia.

(6) Where an Order made pursuant to subsection (2), specifies in accordance with subsection (5) that a citizen of a foreign country requires a visa prior to entry into Saint Lucia, an air operator or the operator of a maritime vessel shall not transport a citizen of that foreign country into Saint Lucia unless that person holds a valid visa for that purpose prior to entry into Saint Lucia or is exempt from the provision of this section in accordance with sub-section (3).

(7) An air operator or the operator of a maritime vessel who contravenes subsection (7) commits an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and shall be required to transport that person from Saint Lucia back to that person's port of embarkation as soon as is practicable on the next available flight and at the complete expense of the air operator or the operator of the maritime vessel.

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- (8) For the purposes of this section "air operator" has the meaning given to it pursuant to the Civil Aviation Act 2005, No. 7 of 2005.”.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 7th day of February, 2006.

J. BADEN ALLAIN,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Passed in the Senate this 2nd day of March, 2006.

HILFORD DETERVILLE,
President of the Senate.