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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 126 OF THE EVIDENCE ACT [CAP 3.06]

I assent,
TUPOU VI,
26th April 2024.

BE IT ENACTED by the King and Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows:

1 Short Title and Interpretation

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Evidence (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2024.
- (2) In this Act, the Evidence Act [Cap 3.06], as amended, shall be referred to as the “Principal Act”.

2 Section 126 replaced

The Principal Act is amended by repealing section 126 and replacing it with the following -

“126 Court may convict on testimony of accomplice

- (1) Where any person is tried for any criminal offence, the Court may convict such person on the sole testimony of an accomplice, and no corroboration of such accomplice’s evidence shall be necessary for the accused to be convicted, and in any such case the Judge

shall not be required to give any warning to the jury relating to the absence of corroboration.

- (2) If, in any such case, the Judge decides to comment on the absence of any evidence tending to support any other evidence, no particular form of words shall be required.”.

3 Section 127 amended

Section 127 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the number “126” and replacing it with the number “125”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this **20th** day of **February** 2024.