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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE INTERPRETATION ACT.

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

1  Short Title
   (1)  This Act may be cited as the Interpretation (Amendment) Act 2019.
   (2)  In this Act, the Interpretation Act (Cap 1), as amended, shall be referred to as the Principal Act.

2  Section 2 amended
   Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended —
   (a)  by inserting the following definition in the appropriate place:
       “document” means any record of information whether in print or electronic form, and includes:
       (a)  anything on which there is writing; and
       (b)  anything on which there are figures, marks, numbers, perforations, symbols or anything else:
(i) having a meaning for people qualified to interpret them; or
(ii) that can be responded to by a computer system or electronic device; and
(c) anything from which images, sounds, messages or writings can be produced or reproduced, whether with or without the aid of anything else; and
(d) a drawing, map, photograph or plan; and

(b) by deleting the word “person” and its definition and replacing it with the following new definition:

“person” includes a body corporate, or unincorporated body, as well as an individual.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this day of 2019.
EXPLANATORY NOTES

(These notes do not form part of the Bill and are only intended to explain its scope and purpose)

Section 2 amended
This amendment is to introduce the definitions of “document” and “person”. The definition of “document” covers any record of information whether in print or electronic form whereas the definition of a “person” covers an individual as well as body corporates or unincorporated bodies.

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