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## Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATISTICS ACT (CHAPTER 54).

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands

Short title

Commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Statistics (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall come into force on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notice published in the Gazette.

Amendment of section 13 of Cap. 54

2. Section 13 of the Statistics Act is hereby amended -

(a) in subsections (1) and (2) by deleting the words "eight hundred dollars" and substituting therefor the words "Fourteen thousand dollars"; and

(b) in subsection (3) by deleting the words "four hundred dollars" and substituting therefor the words "seven thousand dollars".

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#### **OBJECT AND REASONS**

The Statistics Act was enacted in 1970. The penalties prescribed for breaches of certain acts specified in section 13, are considered inadequate in the present circumstances.

This Bill therefore seeks to amend section 13 of the Act, by increasing the penalties to a more realistic level in the present context.

Minister of Finance and Treasury

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