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AN ACT to amend the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act, Cap. 255 to increase the jurisdiction of the Magistrate Court in civil matters and for other connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Magistrate's Code of Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act, Cap. 255.

3. Amendment to section 22 (1)

The principal Act is amended in section 22(1) as follows –

- (a) in paragraph (e) by repealing paragraph (e) and replacing it with the following new paragraph (e) –

“(e) to arbitrate in disputes relating to salvage and the title to wreck where the amount in dispute does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars”;

- (b) in paragraphs (f) (i) and (ii) by repealing paragraphs (f) (i) and (ii) and replacing them with the following new paragraphs (f) (i) and (ii) –

“(f) (i) to try any civil action founded on contract when the debt, demand or value of the thing claimed, or rent in arrear is not more than twenty-five thousand dollars;