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**A BILL FOR A
DEFENCE FORCE MINISTRY (AMENDMENT) CANON 2022**

10 1 In this Canon the **Defence Force Ministry Canon 1985** is referred to as “the “Principal Canon”.

2 The Principal Canon is amended by repealing Section 4, and substituting:

15 “4. (1) The Bishop to the Defence Force shall continue in office notwithstanding any vacancy in the office of Primate.

(2) The term of office of a Bishop to the Defence Force shall expire:

20 (a) after five years, or at the expiration of any subsequent fixed term;
(b) upon resignation from office; or
(c) upon removal from episcopal office;

whichever first occurs.

25 (3) The appointment of the Bishop to the Defence Force may be extended by the Primate for a further term of up to five years provided that:

30 (a) the Primate and the Defence Force Board have together reviewed the position of the Bishop to the Defence Force no earlier than 12 months, and no later than 8 months, preceding the end of the term; and
(b) the extension of the Bishop to the Defence Force’s appointment for a further term has been approved by a majority of the
35 Metropolitans and of the Defence Force Board.

(4) The appointment of the Bishop to the Defence Force may be extended for further terms each of up to five years provided that the procedure described in section 4(3) is adopted.

40 3 If there is a Bishop to the Defence Force at the time this Canon commences, he or she is deemed to have been appointed for a term of five years from the date of his or her appointment under the Principal Canon, and in other respects section 4 of the Principal Canon as amended by this Canon applies in respect of that appointment.

45 4 This Canon comes into operation on 1 July 2022.