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AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAGISTRATES COURT ACT (CAP. 11) TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPRESS POWER FOR A MAGISTRATE TO AWARD COSTS IN PRIVATE PROSECUTIONS

I assent,
TUPOU VI,
24th November 2016.

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 Magistrate's Court (Amendment) Act 2016.
- (2) In this Act, the Magistrate's Court Act (Cap. 11) as amended, shall be referred to as the "Principal Act".

2 Section 8 amended

Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by –

- (a) deleting the full stop at the end of the proviso to paragraph (m) and replacing it with “; and”; and
- (b) inserting the following new paragraph (n) in the appropriate place –
“(n) to award costs in the appropriate circumstances.”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 27th day of October 2016.