

## Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism

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### **NEGOTIATING MANDATE**

Name of the Bill:

**National Gambling Amendment Bill** 

Number of the Bill:

B27B - 2018

Date of deliberation:

Tuesday, 12 March 2019

Vote of the Legislature:

The legislature votes in favour

(Subject to consideration of the proposed amendments)

Signature:

Chairperson: PC on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism

12/03/20 Date:

## NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE



# NEGOTIATING MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL GAMBLING AMENDMENT BILL [B27B - 2018]

#### (Section 76 Bill)

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism, Hon M Matika, tables the Committee's negotiating mandate on the *National Gambling Amendment Bill* [B27B – 2018] as adopted by the Portfolio Committee on Tuesday, 12 March 2019.

#### 2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- 2.1 The Speaker of the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature, on receipt, referred the *National Gambling Amendment Bill* [B27B 2018] to the Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism on 05 February 2019.
- 2.2 On Tuesday, 05 March 2019, the Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism received a briefing on the Bill from the Northern Cape's Permanent Delegate to the NCOP, Hon W Faber and the National Department of *Trade and Industry*.
- 2.3 The Portfolio Committee resolved to hold public hearings on the referred Bill in all five regions and also called for written submissions to solicit the views of communities and stakeholders with regard to the *National Gambling Amendment Bill*.
- 2.4 Five (5) Public Hearings were held on Thursday, 07 March 2019 in Frances Baard, Pixley Ka Seme, ZF Mgcawu and John Taolo Gaetsewe regions and Friday, 08 March 2019 in Namakwa Region as per Committee resolution and both written and oral submissions were called for. The public engaged with the Members of the Provincial Legislature in respect of the Bill.
- 2.5 Radio Adverts were conducted to inform stakeholders of the scheduled public hearings in all regions apart from John Taolo Gaetsewe region. The following radio stations were utilized: Radio Riverside, Radio Teemaneng, Radio Kaboesna, Radio Revival, Radio Llwasi, Radio NFM and Radio Vaaltar FM.
- 2.6 On Tuesday, 12 March 2019 the Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism deliberated and considered the *National Gambling Amendment Bill* [B27B 2018].

#### 3. COMMITTEE INPUTS ON THE BILL

- 3.1 When distributing legal gambling revenue, the National Department should measure the contribution to the Province against the population of the province.
- 3.2 The Bill should regulate that the National Regulator strengthen Provincial Boards in Provinces that do not have the capacity to deal with corrupt activities.
- 3.3 Mechanisms must be put in place to regulate and to effectively monitor online gambling.

#### 4. STAKEHOLDERS'/PUBLIC INPUTS ON THE BILL

The following are inputs for consideration in the Bill:

- 4.1 The community would like to have the Bill to include rewards for reporting of illegal gambling.
- 4.2 The Bill must empower the Regulator to address the socio-economic responsibilities in communities.
- 4.3 There must be a tariff imposed on those importing unregistered machines.
- 4.4 Software for the Gambling Inspectors should be constantly reviewed to enable law enforcement agencies to follow illegal e-gamblers.
- 4.5 The National Regulator must have powers over provincial boards.
- 4.6 A fine or penalty system should be clear in the Bill.
- 4.7 Technology allows for gambling through computers, laptops and mobile phones, the Bill should seek to regulate such gambling.

#### 5. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE BILL

Written inputs were received from the following:

- 5.1 Galaxy Gaming and Entertainment (Pty) Ltd
- 5.2 Scorebet Sports Betting & Horse Racing
- 5.3 Casino Association of South Africa (CASA)

#### 6. STAKEHOLDERS POSITION ON THE BILL

The majority of the stakeholders voted in favour of the Bill.

#### 7. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE POSITION ON THE BILL

After due deliberation, the Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism supports the Bill.

#### 8. COMMITTEE ADOPTION OF THE BILL

The Committee adopted this negotiating mandate, duly signed by the Chairperson of the Committee.

The Committee recommends to the House to mandate the Permanent Delegates to participate in deliberations at the negotiating stage and to support the Bill.

HON MMATIKA
Chairperson: PC on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism