

# Limpopo Legislature

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### FINAL MANDATE

To : The Chairperson of the NCOP

Name of Bill : National Gambling Amendment Bill

Number of Bill : [B27B – 2018]

Date of deliberation : 18 March 2019

Vote of legislature : The Province votes in favour of the Bill.

  
Hon. Polly Boshelo  
Speaker: Limpopo Provincial Legislature

19 March 2019  
Date

# **LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE**

## **FINAL MANDATE OF THE LIMPOPO PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM ON NATIONAL GAMBLING AMENDMENT BILL [B27B-2018]**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

National Gambling Amendment Bill [B27B-2018] was referred to the Limpopo Legislature by the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) and the Limpopo Legislature in turn referred the Bill to the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism for consideration and report back to the House for conferral of final mandate to the NCOP.

### **2. PURPOSE OF THE BILL**

The purpose of the National Gambling Amendment Bill is to amend the National Amendment Act, 2004, so as to amend and delete certain definitions; to provide for the procedure for the forfeiture of unlawful winnings to the National Gambling Regulator; to provide for the quorum to make a final decision in the second meeting with the majority of the members present in that meeting; to provide for the dissolution of the National Gambling Board; to provide for the establishment of the National Gambling Regulator; to provide for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer in the National Gambling Regulator; to provide for the powers of the national inspectorate to curb payments emanating from illegal gambling activities; to enhance the powers and duties of the gambling inspector; to provide for transitional arrangements; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL**

The Portfolio Committee met with the NCOP delegate Honorable Mampuru T.K on 20 February 2019 for a briefing on the principles and objects of the Bill and to consider the provisions of the Bill. After the briefing, the Portfolio Committees resolved to embark on five (5) public hearings in which all stakeholders throughout all the five (5) districts and all municipalities in the province will converge and deliberate on the Bill. The public hearings were therefore held at Greater Tzaneen Council Chamber on Friday 01 March 2019 for Mopani district, two public hearings were held in the same day at Makhado Showground for Vhembe district and Legislative Chamber Lebowakgomo for Capricorn district on 06 March 2019 and on 08 March 2019 the public hearings were held at Fetakgomo Council Chamber for Sekhukhune district and O.R Tambo Hall for Waterberg district. Due to poor attendance of stakeholders, public hearing at Makhado Showground (Vhembe district) was postponed.

The Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism further met on 18 March 2019 for consideration and scrutinizing of the final mandate. The Portfolio Committee having considered the input by the stakeholders, adopted this report for final mandate.

### **4. STAKEHOLDERS INVITED**

Stakeholders invited included amongst others the Casinos, Bookmakers, Root Operators, Teba, World Gambling, Limpopo Gambling Board, Totalizators, Bingo Operators, Limited Payout Machines, Municipalities, Bingo Association of South Africa, Galaxy Gaming and Entertainment (Pty) Ltd and Gamblers.

The Limpopo Legislature provided transport for all interested and affected parties that wanted to attend the public hearing. Transport arrangements were made from all the districts and local municipalities. Some stakeholders who were able and interested to use

their own transport were allowed to do so and the Legislature offered to reimburse them for kilometers travelled.

## 5. INPUTS AND COMMENTS

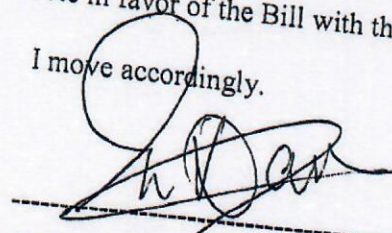
The stakeholders submitted that:

- Clause 3, Section 10A – Illegal gamblers should be regulated to ensure that they contribute in economy of the country.
- Clause 5, Section 16(4) – Strict screening of an ID document should be intensively implemented to prohibit unlawful gamblers to enter the gambling premises.
- Clause 26, Section 63A – The public recommended that strict majors be taken to non-attendance of meetings.
- Clause 28, Section 64 –The public recommended that the National Gambling Board should not be abolished. They felt that the National Gambling Board plays a critical oversight role over the institution.
- Clause 40, Section 64 – The Bill should have a provision of strengthening the capacity of the provincial gambling inspectors for investigating illegal gambling activities. The public felt that giving powers to the national inspectorate will affect the provincial revenue of the Gambling Board. It was suggested that there should be a good working relationship between the national and provincial inspectors in executing their investigating duties.

**6. FINAL MANDATE**

The Limpopo Legislature Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, having considered and scrutinized the National Gambling Bill [B27B-2018] and received inputs from the public, recommends to the NCOP Permanent Delegates to vote in favor of the Bill with the suggestions made herein.

I move accordingly.



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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON ON ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

18/03/2019  
DATE