

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 : 26 November 2019

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

Hon. M.M Lerule-Ramakhanya
Speaker: Limpopo Provincial Legislature

Date

LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE

REPORT ON 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 Speaker of Limpopo Legislature by the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) and the Speaker in turn referred the Bill to the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism for consideration and further processing.

The Bill was one of the pieces of legislation revived by the NCOP on 17 October 2019. The Bill was referred back to the Select Committee on Trade and Industry by the House on 23 March 2019 and it was indicated that it will resume at the stage it was at when the term of the 5th National Council of Provinces ended. The Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism met with the NCOP Permanent Delegate on 20 November 2019 for a briefing on the principles and objects of the Bill and to consider the provision of the Bill. The Bill was already at the Final mandate stage when the Portfolio Committee met with the NCOP Permanent Delegate for briefing.

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Capricorn district on 06 of March 2019 and on 08 March 2019 the public hearings were held at Fetakgomo Council Chamber for Sekhukhune district and O.R Tambo Hall in Modimolle for Waterberg district. The public hearing at Makhado Showground (Vhembe district) was postponed due to poor attendance of stakeholders.

Informed by the nature of the Bill, the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Tourism invited the relevant stakeholders to the public hearing. The following stakeholders were invited from all the regions of the province: Casinos, Bookmakers, Root Operators, Teba, World Gambling, Limpopo Gambling Board, Totalizators, Bingo Operators, Municipalities, Bingo Association of South Africa, Limited Payout Machines, Galaxy Gaming and Entertainment (Pty) Ltd and Gamblers.

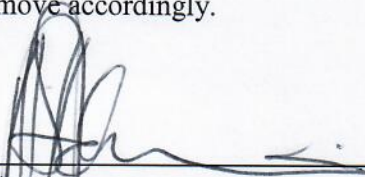
2. BACKGROUND OF THE BILL

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. CONCLUSION

The Portfolio Committee, having considered the Bill, therefore recommends to the NCOP Permanent Delegates to vote in favor of the Bill.

I move accordingly.



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**PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON ON ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**