

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL VELD AND FOREST FIRE AMENDMENT BILL [B24 -2021]**

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*(As proposed by the Portfolio Committee on Environment, Forestry and Fisheries  
(National Assembly))*

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**[B 24A—2021]**

## AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

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#### NEW CLAUSE

1. That the following be a new clause:

#### **"Amendment of section 1 of Act 101 of 1998**

1. Section 1 of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

"(1) The purpose of this Act is to prevent and combat **[veld, forest and mountain fires]** veldfires throughout the Republic."

#### CLAUSE 1

1. On page 2, from line 4, to omit "National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998 (Act No. 101 of 1998) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act)," and to substitute "principal Act".

2. On page 2, from line 6, to omit the definition of "communal land".
3. On page 2, in line 10, to omit "(b)" and to substitute "(a)".
4. On page 2, from line 12, to omit the definition of "fire in the open air" and to substitute the following definition:

" **'fire in the open air'** means any fire not within a building or structure, but does not include a fire in an area specifically designated for such fire, protected against wind and spreading, and maintained by the owner";

5. On page 2, in line 15, to omit "(c)" and to substitute "(b)".
6. On page 2, in line 19, to omit "(d)" and to substitute "(c)".
7. On page 2, in line 22, to omit "(e)" and to substitute "(d)".
8. On page 3, in line 1, to omit "(f)" and to substitute "(e)".
9. On page 3, in line 4, after "the" to omit "Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act" and to substitute "Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act".
10. On page 3, from line 5, to omit the definition of "Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act" and to substitute the following definition:

" **'Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act'** means the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, 2019 (Act No. 3 of 2019)".
11. On page 3, in line 8, to omit "(g)" and to substitute "(f)".
12. On page 3, from line 10, after "area", to insert "including any vegetation along any rural-urban fringe of a city, town, and its adjoining industrial or residential area boundaries".

## **CLAUSE 2**

1. On page 3, from line 14, to omit subsection (3A) and to substitute the following subsection:

"(3A) The municipality concerned, and a traditional council established in terms of section 16 of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, if any, may facilitate the formation of a fire protection association process as contemplated in subsection (3), if the Minister is of the opinion that a fire protection association is required."

## **CLAUSE 4**

1. On page 3, in line 41, to omit "chief fire officer" and to substitute for "fire protection officer".

## **CLAUSE 6**

1. On page 4, in line 2, to omit "Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act" and to substitute "Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act".

## **LONG TITLE**

1. On page 2, in line 3 of the long title, to omit "or" and to substitute "and".