



# LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE

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### **REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ON THE MARINE POLLUTION (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL [B5 – 2022]**

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#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Marine Pollution (Prevention of pollution from ships) A/B [B5 – 2022] was referred to the Provincial Legislature by the NCOP's Select Committee on Transport, Public Services and Administration, Public Works and Infrastructure and the Legislature in turn referred it to the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Community Safety for consideration and processing.

On 14 May 2024, the Committee met and considered the final mandate on the Bill and agreed to vote in favour of the Bill.

#### **2. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND OF BILL**

The presentation started with the provision of the background to the Marine Pollution Amendment Bill, 2022. It was indicated that South Africa is a party to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of 1973 as amended by the Protocol of 1978. When the convention was adopted by the IMO in 1973, five annexures formed part of it and in 1997 the IMO adopted a Protocol. Through the 1997 Protocol, the 1973 International Convention was amended to include Annexure VI to the existing five Annexes.

It was indicated that the main objects of the Bill is to regulates the activities for treatment and disposal of sewage from ships and ensure ship energy efficiency management as well as greenhouse gas emissions, by incorporating MARPOL IV AND V respectively.

It was indicated that the benefits of the incorporation of MARPOL Annex IV and VI would include the restriction of the discharge of sewage thus reducing the nutrient loads (nitrogen and phosphorus) caused by sewage discharge from passenger ships into the sea. It would also include the prevention, reduction, and Control of marine pollution from the air, or indirectly through the air; and to preserve the maritime environment, through the complete elimination of pollution by oil and harmful substances.

### **3. INPUTS AND SUBMISSION BY STAKEHOLDERS**

The Committee received both oral and one written submissions on the Bill from various stakeholders both during and after the public hearings. To this end, a written submission is attached hereto. The Committee was impressed with attendance and participation of all the stakeholders who attended the public hearing.

From the submissions and comments made during the public hearing, there were no links to the Bill. However, the following views were expressed by the public :


Various stakeholders requested the Department to do a public outreach program to educate them about ocean economy and opportunities in the sector.

It was requested that in terms of appointing Board Members the process must be advertised in local media platforms for the public to participate.

### **4. CONCLUSION.**

The public hearings were well attended and the Portfolio Committee managed to solicit inputs from stakeholders.

The Committee agrees and endorse the principles and provisions of the Bill, and as such vote in its support.



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