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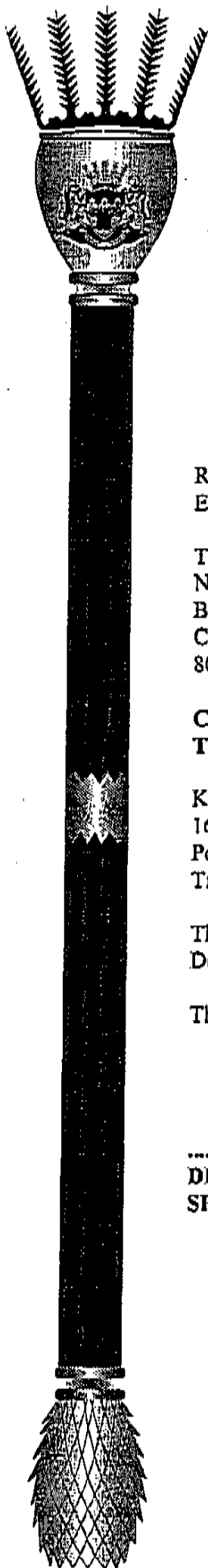
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### **CONFERRAL OF FINAL MANDATE ON THE PREVENTION OF AND TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE BILL, [B12B-2008]**

Kindly be informed that the Limpopo Legislature has at its Sitting held on Tuesday, 16 September 2008 at the Lebowakgomo Legislative Chamber, adopted the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development on the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill, [B12B-2008].

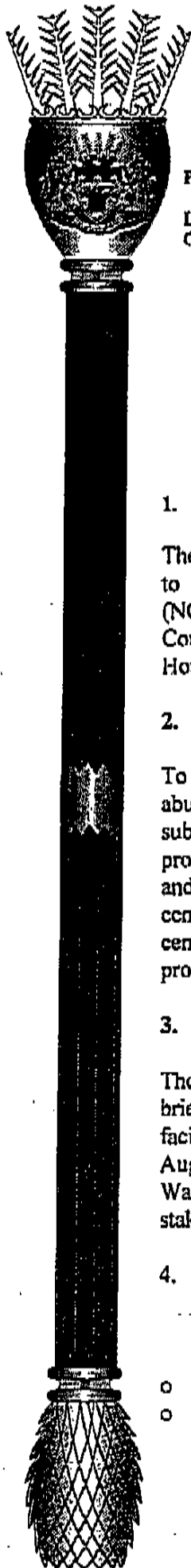
The House further resolved to confer a final mandate to the Provincial NCOP Permanent Delegates to vote in favour of the Bill.

The Report of the Portfolio Committee is forwarded herewith, for your easy reference.

  
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**REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT ON PREVENTION OF AND TREATMENT  
FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE BILL [B12B-2008]**

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill [B12B-2008] was referred to the Legislature of Limpopo Province by the National Council of Provinces (NCOP). Subsequently, the Limpopo Legislature referred the Bill to the Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development for consideration and to report to this Honourable House.

### 2. PURPOSE OF THE BILL

To provide for a comprehensive national response for the combating of substance abuse; to provide for mechanisms aimed at demand and harm reduction in relation to substance abuse through prevention, early intervention, treatment and re-integration programmes; to provide for the registration and establishment of treatment centers and halfway houses; to provide for the committal of persons to and from treatment centers and for their treatment, rehabilitation and skills development in such treatment centers, to provide for the establishment of the Central Drug Authority; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

### 3. CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL

The Portfolio Committee met the Permanent Delegate on 14 August 2008 for a briefing on the principle and provisions of the Bill and a decision was taken to facilitate public involvement on the Bill. Public hearings were conducted on 27 August 2008 at Capricorn and Sekhukhune Districts, 28 August 2007 at Vhembe and Waterberg Districts and on 29 August 2007 at Mopani Districts, to provide provincial stakeholders and the public a platform to express their views on the Bill.

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following inputs were made by the stakeholders:-

- o The Bill should regulate on the stipends for Community Home Based Care givers
- o Community based services should have multidisciplinary teams to provide health care services.

- o There must be regulatory framework for Community Based Services management and maintenance.
- o Stakeholders appreciate that the act will create conditions and procedures for the admission and release of persons to and from treatment centre.
- o liquor stores should be away from the residential areas
- o price of liquor should be increased to reduce consumption
- o Police should always be on guard at liquor retail stores.
- o Persons found guilty of substance abuse should be sentenced to imprisonment exceeding 10 years
- o The Bill should provide for a percentage of alcohol substance allowed at ceremonies
- o Liquor stores should have a standard opening and closing time
- o Price increase of cigarettes
- o Police should always be on guard at liquor retail stores.
- o The Bill should provide for a minimum percentage of alcohol allowed at ceremonies

## 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Committee recommends that:

- The Bill should create a coordinated programme to control liquor outlets and ensure the enforcement of law governing liquor and drugs sale in the country.
- The legislation should consider instituting institutions for prevention of substance abuse.
- The Bill should stipulate as to how the Community Home Based Care givers will be compensated.
- Liquor stores should have a regulated standard opening and closing time.
- Collaborative approach amongst government departments and other stakeholders involved in combating substance abuse should be regulated.

## 6. CONCLUSION

The Committee conducted public hearings and solicited inputs to which public involvement was appreciated. Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee, I therefore move that this report be adopted as a report of this House and that a mandate be conferred to NCOP delegates to vote in favour of the Bill to be passed into law.



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