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FINAL MANDATE



TO	:	THE CHAIRPERSON - NCOP
NAME OF BILL	:	NATIONAL HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL
NUMBER OF THE BILL	:	B15D-2017
DATE OF DELIBERATION	:	19 OCTOBER 2018
VOICE OF THE LEGISLATURE	:	THE PROVINCE VOTES IN FAVOUR OF THE BILL
Hon. Polly Boshelo Speaker: Limpopo Provincial Legislature		DATE
<i>P. Boshelo</i>		22.10.2018

1. INTRODUCTION

The National Health Laboratory Service Amendment Bill [B 15D-2017] was referred to the Limpopo Provincial Legislature by the National Council of Provinces (NCOP). Subsequently, the Bill was referred to the Portfolio Committee on Health for consideration and further processing.

In light of the above, the Portfolio Committee convened a meeting to allow permanent NCOP Delegate and Officials from National Department of Health (NDOH) to brief Committee Members about the contents of the Bill. The Committee resolved that this Bill should be processed in accordance with the procedure prescribed by section 76 of the Constitution as its provisions in a substantial manner deals with a functional area of concurrent national and provincial legislative competent listed under Schedule 4 to the Constitution, namely "Health services".

Informed by the nature of amendment bill, the Portfolio Committee invited the relevant stakeholders to the hearing. The following stakeholders were invited: Provincial Department of Health (Management at Head office, Hospitals, Clinics & Health Centers); Private Hospitals and Private Doctors (SAMA); University of Limpopo Medical School; Department of Defense (Health services in military services); Department of Correctional Services; South African HIV/AIDS activist organizations (AIDS COUNCIL); Human Rights Commission; Gender Commission; Labour Unions (DENOSA, HOSPESA, TSA); AMPATH Laboratory; LANCET Laboratory; Forensic Laboratory services; Community leaders; Treatment action campaign; Cancer association and other relevant stakeholder in the Province.

2. BACKGROUND OF THE BILL

The Bill seeks to amend the National Health Laboratory Service Act, 2000 (Act No. 37 of 2000) ('the Act'), in order to improve the governance, accountability and financial sustainability of the National Health Laboratory Service ('the Service').

The said improvement will enable the Service to provide diagnostics health laboratory services in a more cost-effective manner and with greater efficiency, thereby increasing the quality of clinical care provided to patients through timely and judicious clinical management.

3. INPUTS BY THE STAKEHOLDERS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Stakeholder agreed with objects of the Bill, however proposal or inputs were made on the Bill. The inputs made by the stakeholders were considered by the Committee and submitted during negotiation stage on the Bill. The amendments agreed to by the Committee resulted on the Bill being amended by the NCOP Select Committee on Social Services which were subsequently considered by the Committee on the 19th October 2018.

4. Recommendations

The Committee having considered the amendments on the Bill agreed to by the Select Committee, recommends to the House to confer a final mandate to the NCOP Delegate to vote in favor of the Bill to pass into law.

5. Conclusions

In conclusion I hereby move that this report be adopted as the report of the House and that a final mandate on the Bill [B15D-2017] be conferred accordingly.

I move accordingly.


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Hon. W.G. MITILENI

Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health.

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Date 22/10/2018