

Limpopo Legislature

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FINAL MANDATE

To : The Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces

Name of Bill : Rental Housing Amendment Bill

Number of the Bill : [B56D - 2013]

Date of Deliberation : 24 March 2014

Vote of the Legislature : The Limpopo Legislature to vote in favour the Bill.


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SPEAKER: LIMPOPO LEGISLATURE

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REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON THE RENTAL HOUSING AMENDMENT BILL [B56D-2013]

1. INTRODUCTION

The Rental Housing Amendment Bill [B56D-2013] was referred to the Limpopo Provincial Legislature by the National Council Of Provinces (NCOP). Subsequently, the Bill was referred to the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs for consideration. The Committee noted that the Bill was tagged as section 76 Bill, which required public involvement and Public Hearing was conducted.

2. BACKGROUND OF THE BILL

The Rental Housing Amendment Bill [B56D-2013] seeks to amend the Rental Housing Act, 1999, so as to substitute and insert certain definitions; to set out the rights and obligations of tenants and landlords in a coherent manner; to require leases to be in writing; to extend the application of Chapter 4 to all provinces; to require MECs to establish Rental Housing Tribunals; to extend the powers of the Rental Housing Tribunals; to provide for an appeal process; to require all local municipalities to have Rental Housing Information Officers; to provide for norms and standards related to rental housing; to extend offences and to provide for matters connected therewith.

3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ON THE BILL

A public hearing was scheduled to take place on the 15th March 2014, at Waterberg District in Mokopane area, however, the hearing could not proceed due to the unsatisfactory attendance by the stakeholders. The Portfolio Committee then begged the indulgence of the NCOP Select Committee on Human Settlement for a time extension to consult with the public.

The Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs convened a second Public Hearing on the 20th March 2014, at Capricorn District, in Seshego. Members of the Public attended the hearing as scheduled. All questions and concerns which sought clarities were responded to by the Committee with the assistance of the Official from Legislature and National Department of Human Settlement.

4. CONCLUSION

The Public Hearing unanimously agreed with the contents of the Bill without any inputs. The stakeholders thanked the Portfolio Committee for involving them in the Law making process. In turn the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee also thanked stakeholders for the contribution and positive responses made during the public hearing.

The Committee support the Bill as it is and recommends to the House that the permanent delegate vote in favour of the Bill.



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CHAIRPERSON OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE,
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