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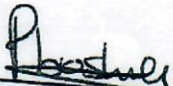
To : The Chairperson of the NCOP

Name of Bill : National Public Health Institute of South Africa Bill

Number of Bill : [B16D - 2017]

Date of deliberation : 25 February 2019

Vote of legislature : The Province votes **in favour** of the Bill with Amendments.



Hon. Polly Boshielo
Speaker: Limpopo Provincial Legislature

26-02-2019
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REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA BILL [B 16D-2017]

1. INTRODUCTION

The National Public Health Institute of South Africa Bill [B16D-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 the 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 the 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 service".

Informed by the nature of the Bill, the Portfolio Committee invited the relevant stakeholders to the hearing. The following stakeholders were invited from all the regions of the province: Provincial Department of Health (Management at Head office, Hospitals, Clinics & Health Centers); Department of Defense (Health services in military services); SANCA Cancer Association; Trade unions; Environmental Officers from Municipalities; University of Limpopo; Institute for Occupational Health; Department of Correctional Services; South African Human Rights Commission; and other relevant stakeholders in the Province.

2. BACKGROUND OF THE BILL

The Bill seek to establish the National Public Health Institute of South Africa (NAPHISA) as a legally defined organ of the state in order to:

- Co-ordinate surveillance systems that monitor diseases and injuries;
- Provide specialized reference laboratory and referral services; and
- Conduct research and support public health interventions aimed at reducing the burden of disease.

The aim of NAPHISA is to provide integrated and coordinated disease and injury surveillance, research, monitoring and evaluation of services and interventions directed towards the major public health problems affecting persons in South Africa. The Bill listed all the core functions of NAPHISA.

3. INPUT BY THE STAKEHOLDERS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

The stakeholders agreed with the objects of the Bill and proposals together with the input were made on the Bill. The inputs made thereof were considered by the Committee and submitted to the NCOP.

It should be noted that during the Negotiation stage at the NCOP, the Select Committee on Social Services considered inputs from all the Provinces and amended the Bill to be the "D" version. The "D" version was sent to Provinces on the 22nd February 2018 and the final mandate was due on the 26 February 2018. In light of the short notice the Chairperson invoked Rule 39(4)(C) of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature as it was not practical to arrange a Committee meeting before the due date on the Final Mandate. The Chairperson therefore agreed with the amendments made to the "D" version of the Bill [B16 D -2017].

4. Recommendation

After the consideration of the amendments made by the NCOP Select Committee to the Bill, it is recommended that the House 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 [B16D-2017] be conferred accordingly.

I move accordingly.



Hon. W.G. MITILENI
Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Health.

26/2/2019
DATE