
GENERAL NOTICE ALGEMENE KENNISGEWING

NOTICE 564 OF 2014

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE ATTORNEYS AMENDMENT BILL, 2014

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 241(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services intends introducing the Attorneys Amendment Bill, 2014, in the National Assembly shortly.

2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill is intended to amend the Attorneys Act, 1979, so as to-

- (a) address disparities in relation to attorneys and candidate attorneys in the territories comprising the former Republics of Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Ciskei and Venda (the "TBVC states");
- (b) further regulate the engagement of candidate attorneys and their right of appearance in courts;
- (c) give effect to a Constitutional Court judgment;
- (d) further regulate juristic persons conducting legal practice;
- (e) allow actions against the Attorneys Fidelity Fund (the "Fund") to be instituted in other courts than a High Court, where applicable;
- (f) restructure and rationalise the areas of jurisdiction of law societies;
- (g) amend or delete certain obsolete provisions and expressions;
- (h) provide for transitional arrangements; and
- (i) provide for matters connected therewith.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Department and Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <http://www.doj.gov.za> and <http://www.pmg.org.za> and may, after introduction, also be obtained from the Government Printers, Cape Town (telephone number: 021 – 465 7531).