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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### **PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE CRIMINAL LAW (SEXUAL OFFENCES AND RELATED MATTERS) AMENDMENT AMENDMENT BILL, 2014**

The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services intends introducing the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Amendment Bill, 2014, in the National Assembly shortly. 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 seeks to amend the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, 2007 (Act No. 32 of 2007), so as to ensure that children of certain ages are not held criminally liable for engaging in consensual sexual acts with each other; to give presiding officers a discretion in order to decide in individual cases whether the particulars of children should be included in the National Register for Sex Offenders or not; to provide for a procedure in terms of which certain persons may apply for the removal of their particulars from the National Register for Sex Offenders; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

A copy of the Bill can be found on the website of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at "<http://www.pmg.org.za>" and the website of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development at "<http://www.justice.gov.za>" and may, after introduction into Parliament, also be obtained from the Government Printers: Cape Town.