

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR THE NATIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. OF 2024

Explanatory Note

This Bill amends the National Sports Commission Act No. 14 of 2014 (“the Act”).

The National Sports Commission (“the Commission”) is currently composed of 4 members. Given that the Director General of the Ministry of Youth and Sports is currently a member and Chairperson of the Commission, this Bill removes the Director of the Department of Youth and Sports as a member of the Commission.

Furthermore, the current composition of the Commission restricts the ability of the Commission to make informed decisions necessary in performing its functions. Therefore, in order for the Commission to be able to make more informed decisions, the Bill includes the following Director Generals as members of the Commission:

- (a) the Director General of the Ministry of Education; and
- (b) the Director General of the Ministry of Health; and
- (c) the Director General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The Bill further makes the following changes to raise the standards of the Commission to be recognised as the superior national body responsible to deal with national and international sports matters relating to Vanuatu:

- (a) change the secretariat of the Commission from the Director of the Department of Youth and Sports to a formalized Chief Executive Officer position; and
- (b) increase the number of times in which the Commission may meet from 2 to 8 meetings; and
- (c) increase the sitting allowance of the Commission members from Vt5000 to Vt10,000 per sitting; and
- (d) change the name of the National Sports Commission to the “National Sports Authority”.

Minister of Youth, Sports Development and Training



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An Act to amend the Vanuatu National Sports Commission Act No. 14 of 2014.

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Vanuatu National Sports Commission Act No. 14 of 2014 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF VANUATU NATIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION ACT NO. 14 OF 2014

1 Whole of the Act

Delete “Commission”, substitute “Authority”

2 Section 1 (Definition of “Director General”)

Delete “, Sports Development and Training”, substitute “and Sports Development”

3 Section 1 (Definition of “Minister”)

Delete “, Sports Development and Training”, substitute “and Sports Development”

4 Paragraph 4(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute

“(b) a representative appointed by the Minister; and

(ba) the Director General of the Ministry of Education; and

(bb) the Director General of the Ministry of Health; and

(bc) the Director General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs; and”

5 After paragraph 6(c)

Insert

“(ca) to regulate sports, sports persons, sport facilities and sport activities in Vanuatu; and

(cb) to determine criteria’s for the certification of sport facilities; and

(cc) to register all persons qualified to be a coach, to be a sport official and to provide first aid assistance in Vanuatu; and”

6 Paragraph 7(2)(m)

Delete “.”, substitute “;

- (n) to establish working groups and organising committee for the purposes of promoting and developing sports in Vanuatu and for implementing the objectives, functions and powers of the Authority.”

7 Subsection 8(1)

Delete “2”, substitute “8”

8 Subsection 8(2)

Delete “3”, substitute “5”

9 Subsection 9(1)

Delete “Director of the Department of Youth and Sports”, substitute “Chief Executive Officer”

10 Section 10

Delete “VT5,000”, substitute “VT10,000”

11 Subsection 16(2)

After “Auditor-General”, insert “or any other accounting firm nominated by the Auditor-General”