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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE 1241 OF 2022

DEEDS REGISTRIES AMENDMENT BILL

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 276(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister for Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development intends to introduce the Deeds Registries Amendment Bill, 2022 in the National Assembly shortly.

2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill seeks to amend the Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act 47 of 1937), so as to provide for the appointment of a registrar of deeds, deputy registrar of deeds and assistant registrar of deeds in terms of the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994; to further regulate the qualification requirements of a registrar of deeds, deputy registrar of deeds and assistant registrar of deeds; to provide for the appointment of the chief registrar of deeds; to provide for the responsibilities and duties of the chief registrar of deeds; to provide for the recordal of land tenure rights lawfully issued by Government or any other competent authority; to further provide for the registration of waivers of preference in respect of registered real rights in favour of leases; to delete reference to the registration of copies of powers of attorney in another deeds registry; to provide for the inspection of records and the supply of information by the chief registrar of deeds; to further regulate the membership, duties, composition, voting powers and remuneration of members of the deeds registries regulations board; to provide for the Minister to make regulations in respect of this Act and the Electronic Deeds Registration Systems Act, 2019; to provide for the Minister to make regulations in respect of the collection of personal information relating to race, gender, citizenship and nationality for statistical and land audit purposes; to further regulate the registration of State land; to further regulate the issuing of certificates of registered title of undivided shares in land; to further regulate the periods for the registration of notarial bonds in more than one deeds registry; to provide for a penalty provision in respect of *mala fide* acts or omissions by a registrar or official in relation to their duties and for other persons that are part of a collusion; to provide for a penalty provision in respect of the unauthorised preparation, execution and attestation of deeds and documents; to insert a definition of 'attorney'; to provide that an attorney, conveyancer and notary in the employ of the Department of Agricultural, Land Reform and Rural Development may perform the duties of an attorney, conveyancer and notary in respect of transactions relating to State Land; to insert and amend certain definitions; to provide for the amendment of the Electronic Deeds Registration Systems Act, 2019, to the extent set out in the Schedule; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

3. A copy of the Bill can be found on the website of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development **www.dalrrd.gov.za**, and may, after introduction, also be obtained from:

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