
GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 582 OF 2013

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL, 2013

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 241(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly of Parliament that the Minister of Communications intends to introduce the Electronic Communications Amendment Bill, 2013, in the National Assembly shortly.


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

3. The Bill makes provision for the amendment of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005, so as to insert, amend or delete certain definitions; to align the Act with broad-based black economic empowerment legislation; to refine provisions relating to licensing; to decrease turn-around times for consultative processes; to make further provision towards ensuring effective competition amongst persons licensed under the Act; to remove regulatory bottlenecks; to require the Minister of Communications to establish a council to advise the Minister on broadband policy and implementation; to make further provision for the discounted rate at which Internet services must be provided to schools and other educational institutions; to authorise the Minister to require that certain information be submitted to the Minister; to make provision for the fiduciary duties of members of the Board of the Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa; to provide for the appointment and conditions of appointment of the chief executive officer of the Board; to make further provision for the utilisation of money in the Universal Service and Access Fund; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

4. Copies of the Bill and the Memorandum on the Objects of the Bill can be obtained from:

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4.2 Government Printers: Cape Town (Telephone number: 021 – 465 7531) (after introduction).



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