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Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby algemeen inligting gepubliseer word:—

No. 14 van 1979: Wysigingswet op Patente, 1979.

It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

No. 14 of 1979: Patents Amendment Act, 1979.

Act No. 14, 1979

PATENTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1979.

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

- [** Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
- Words underlined with solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

ACT

To amend the Patents Act, 1978, so as to further regulate the extension of the terms of certain patents; and to effect a certain textual improvement; and to provide for incidental matters.

(English text signed by the State President.)
(Assented to 6 March 1979.)

BE IT ENACTED by the State President, the Senate and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Amendment of
section 3 of
Act 57 of 1978.

1. (1) Section 3 of the Patents Act, 1978 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph: 5
 “(d) be subject to the provisions of section 39 of the repealed law, except that the term of any such patent shall not be extended for a period exceeding five years.”.

(2) Any extension of the term of a patent in terms of section 3 (1) (d) of the principal Act granted after 30 January 1979 for a longer period than five years, shall be deemed to have been granted for a period not exceeding five years. 10

Amendment of
section 31 of
Act 57 of 1978.

2. Section 31 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (5) of the following subsection: 15
 “(5) If no priority is claimed from an application accompanied by a provisional **[application]** specification within the period specified in subparagraph (i) of subsection (1), the application shall lapse.”.

Short title.

3. This Act shall be called the Patents Amendment Act, 1979. 20