

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS
TO
REFUGEES AMENDMENT BILL**

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CLAUSE 4

1. On page 4, in line 44, to omit “(1)”.

CLAUSE 15

1. On page 9, after line 4, to omit subsection (1) and to substitute with the following subsection:

“(1)(a) Upon reporting to the Refugee Reception Office within five days of entry into the Republic, an asylum seeker must be assisted by an officer designated to receive asylum seekers.

(b) An application for asylum must be made in person in accordance with the prescribed procedures[, **within five days of entry into the Republic,**] to a Refugee Status Determination Officer at any Refugee Reception Office or at any other place designated by the Director-General by notice in the *Gazette*.”.

CLAUSE 17

1. On page 10, in line 7, after “asylum”, to omit “have” and substitute with “has”.

CLAUSE 18

1. On page 10, in line 38, after “time”, to insert “prior to the expiry of an asylum seeker visa”.
2. On page 10, in line 38, after “withdraw”, to omit “an asylum seeker” and substitute with “such”.
3. On page 10, in line 47, after “dependants,”, to insert “either”.
4. On page 10, in line 47, after “with”, to insert “or without”.

CLAUSE 21

1. On page 12, from line 36, to omit “Refugee Status Determination Officer at the”.

CLAUSE 32

1. On page 15, in line 4, after “of”, to insert “words or”.
2. On page 15, in line 5, before “phrase”, to insert “word or”.
3. On page 15, in line 9, to omit “phrase” and substitute with “word”.