

PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
NOTICE 619 OF 2018

MS VERONICA NTOMBOVUYO MENTE, MP

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL
AND INVITATION FOR COMMENT ON THE DRAFT LIQUOR
AMENDMENT BILL, 2018**

Ms Veronica Ntombovuyo Mente, MP, acting in accordance with section 73(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, intends to introduce the Liquor Amendment Bill, 2018, in Parliament. An explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly (9th Edition).

The prevalence of alcohol induced dangers to society is flourishing, and many households are suffering as a result of alcohol abuse. Young people in particular, are being socialised into accepting alcohol use and abuse as an inalienable part of their existence. The normalisation of alcohol use will have long lasting deleterious effects on society. While not seeking to be a nanny State, there should be deliberate attempts by the State to counter the normalisation of alcohol usage.

The Liquor Amendment Bill, 2018 ("the draft Bill"), will therefore seek to provide a comprehensive legislative mechanism through which the State can ban the advertisement of alcohol and liquor. More specifically, the objectives of the draft Bill will be to:

- amend section 9 of the Liquor Act, 2003 (Act No. 59 of 2003), so as to ban the advertising of alcohol and liquor from all forms of media, including TV, radio, print and online newspapers;
- ban the advertising of alcohol and liquor from billboards and pamphlets; and
- include a mandatory provision that all alcohol and liquor products must include warnings about the dangers of alcohol and liquor use.

Interested parties and institutions are invited to submit written representations on the proposed content of the draft Bill to the Speaker of the National Assembly within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Representations can be delivered to the Speaker, New Assembly Building, Parliament Street, Cape Town; mailed to the Speaker, P O Box 15 Cape Town 8000, or emailed to speaker@parliament.gov.za and copied to gumanitk@gmail.com

Copies of the Liquor Amendment Bill, 2018, may, after introduction, be obtained from:
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