

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION BILL

*(As introduced in the National Assembly (proposed section 77); explanatory summary of
Bill and prior notice of its introduction published in Government Gazette No. 53437 of 26
September 2025)*
(The English text is the official text of the Bill)

(MINISTER OF FINANCE)

BILL

To appropriate an additional amount of money for the requirements of the vote of Health for the 2025/26 financial year to address the shortfall resulting from the withdrawal of international donor funding to the health sector; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Appropriation of additional amount of money for requirements of vote of Health

1. (1) An amount of R754.527 million is hereby appropriated from the National Revenue Fund for expenditure authorised in terms of section 16(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), for the 2025/26 financial year, and attributed to the vote of Health. 5

(2) The main divisions, and the purposes, of the appropriation to the vote of Health, envisaged in subsection (1), are set out in the Schedule.

(3) The Appropriation Act, 2025 (Act No. 3 of 2025), applies to the appropriation 10 envisaged in subsection (1), with the necessary changes.

Short title

2. This Act is called the Special Appropriation Act, 2025.

SCHEDULE

Vote		Main Division	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Interest and Rent on Land			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
18	Health	754 527		32 121		722 406		
	Purpose: <i>Lead and coordinate health services to promote the health of all people in South Africa through an accessible, caring and high-quality health system based on the primary health care approach.</i>							
	2 National Health Insurance	32 121		32 121				
	<i>Achieve universal health coverage by improving the quality and coverage of health services through the development and implementation of policies and health financing reforms.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Allocation-in-kind to provinces</i>							
	* – National Health Insurance Indirect Grant							
	* – Health Systems Component			32 121				
	3 Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases	590 406				590 406		
	<i>Develop and support the implementation of national policies, guidelines, norms and standards, and the achievement of targets set to decrease morbidity and mortality associated with communicable and non-communicable diseases. Develop strategies and implement programmes that reduce maternal and child mortality.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional allocation to provinces</i>							
	* – District Health Programmes Grant					590 406		
	– Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Component							
	6 Health System Governance and Human Resources	132 000				132 000		
	<i>Develop policies and systems for the planning, managing and training of health sector human resources, and for planning, monitoring, evaluation and research in the sector. Provide oversight to all public entities in the sector and statutory health professional councils in South Africa.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Departmental agencies and accounts</i>							
	– South African Medical Research Council: Operations					132 000		

* Specifically and Exclusively Appropriated

MEMORANDUM ON OBJECTS OF SPECIAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025

1. PURPOSE OF BILL

The Special Appropriation Bill, 2025 (“the Bill”), appropriates an additional amount of money for the requirements of the vote of Health for the 2025/26 financial year to address the shortfall resulting from the withdrawal by the United States of America of donor funding to the health sector.

2. CLAUSE BY CLAUSE SUMMARY

2.1 Clause 1 provides for the appropriation of an amount of R754.527 million from the National Revenue Fund authorised in terms of section 16 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), for the 2025/26 financial year, and attributed to the vote of Health.

2.2 Clause 2 provides for the short title.

3. ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS CONSULTED

The Department of Health.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE

An amount of R754.527 million is appropriated from the National Revenue Fund.

5. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

5.1 The State Law Advisers and the National Treasury are of the opinion that the Bill must be dealt with in accordance with the procedure established by section 75 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, since it is a money Bill as contemplated in section 77 of the Constitution.

5.2 The State Law Advisers and the National Treasury are of the opinion that it is not necessary to refer the Bill to the National House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders in terms of section 39(1)(a) of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, 2019 (Act No. 3 of 2019), since it does not contain provisions pertaining to traditional or Khoi-San communities or customary law or customs of traditional or Khoi-San communities, nor any matter referred to in section 154(2) of the Constitution.