



## - THE DYNAMIC DIGEST - UPDATE 209

### DRAFT TOURISM BILL - OPEN FOR COMMENT

A draft Tourism Bill has been published for comment with a view to facilitating the development and promotion of sustainable tourism.

Published in notice 520 of Government Gazette 34506 dated 5 August 2011, a copy of the bill can be found on our website under the Documents of Interest page. The deadline for submissions is set at 60 days from the date of publication.

Amongst other things, the draft bill seeks to enhance cooperation and coordination between all spheres of government in developing and managing tourism.

It also provides for:

- the appointment of a "tourism protector";
- requirements regarding the continuing existence of the South African Tourism Board and the Tourism Grading Council of South Africa; and
- the establishment of a national tourism information and monitoring system.

Included in the proposed new legislation are provisions ensuring opportunities for public participation in arriving at:

- a national tourism sector strategy; and
- proposed norms and standards for the tourism sector.

While the draft bill refers to "transformation", it does not provide any detail on this issue.

However, according to a national sector strategy launched in March 2011 following extensive consultations over a period of ten months, a number of interventions are planned to "accelerate and encourage" transformation, including:

- promoting businesses that have BBBEE score cards; and
- developing an "enforceable memorandum of agreement" to ensure that all government departments procure only from BBBEE-compliant tourism service providers.

Further, the sector will be required to demonstrate that it is a "provider of decent work".

The strategy also refers to "gaps" in the existing policy and legislative environment and a need to align the existing act with the 1996 white paper on tourism and the requirements of the Constitution.

Once promulgated, the proposed bill will repeal Tourism Act 72 of 1993 and provide for related transitional arrangements. - [sabinetlaw.co.za](http://sabinetlaw.co.za)

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  - **Health Professions Act**
- Amendments have been made to the following Act:
  - **Magistrates' Court Act**

### LATEST UPDATES

#### 1. Electronic Communications Act and Regulations (36/2005)

- Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Guidelines for Rapid Deployment of Electronic Communications Facilities

#### 2. Health Professions Act and Regulations (56/1974)

- Regulations relating to the Performance of Community Service by Persons Registering in terms of the Health Professions Act, 1974: Amendment

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#### SEPTEMBER 2011

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27 <sup>th</sup>	World Tourism Day



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3. **Income Tax Act and Regulations (58/1962)**
    - Allocations to Metropolitan Municipalities of General Fuel Levy Revenue
  4. **Magistrates' Court Act and Regulations (32/1944)**
    - Amendment of the Rules of Court
  5. **Public Finance Management Act and Regulations (1/1999)**
  6. **Road Accident Fund Act and Regulations (56/1996)**
    - Borrowing Powers of Water Boards Listed Under Schedule 3 Part B of the Act
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