

GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE 622 OF 2019

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE PRESCRIPTION IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MATTERS (SEXUAL OFFENCES) AMENDMENT BILL, 2019

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 276(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services intends to introduce the Prescription in Civil and Criminal Matters (Sexual Offences) Amendment Bill, 2019, in the National Assembly shortly.

2.1 The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

2.2 The Prescription in Civil and Criminal Matters (Sexual Offences) Amendment Bill aims to amend the Prescription Act, 1969 (Act No. 68 of 1969), so as to extend the list of sexual offences in respect of which prescription does not commence to run under certain circumstances in respect of a debt based on the alleged commission of any of those sexual offences; to amend the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977), so as to extend the list of sexual offences in respect of which a prosecution may be instituted after a period of 20 years has lapsed since the date of the alleged commission of a sexual offence; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

3. Copies of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Department and Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <http://www.justice.gov.za> and <http://www.pmg.org.za> and, after introduction, may also be obtained from: Government Printers: Cape Town (Telephone number: (021) 465-7531).