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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL SERVICES

NOTICE 530 OF 2018

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL, 2018

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 276(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services intends to introduce the Electronic Communications Amendment Bill, 2018, in the National Assembly.
2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.
3. The Bill seeks to amend the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005), so as to provide for transformation of the sector through enforcement of broad-based black economic empowerment; to provide for lowering of cost of communications, reduction in infrastructure duplication and encouragement of service-based competition through a wireless open access network; to provide for a new framework for rapid deployment of electronic communication facilities; to provide for new approaches to scarce resources such as spectrum, including the assignment of high-demand spectrum on open access principles; to create a new framework for open access; to provide for the regulation of international roaming, including SADC roaming to ensure regulated roaming costs, quality of service and transparency; to provide for regular market definition and review to ensure effective competition; to provide for an improved quality of services, also to persons with disabilities; to provide for protection of different types of end-users and subscribers, including persons and institutions; to provide for enhanced cooperation between the National Consumer Commission and the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa as well as the Competition Commission and this Authority; and to provide for matters connected therewith.
4. A copy of the Bill can be found on the website of the Department at <http://www.dtps.gov.za>.



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