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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

#### NOTICE 640 OF 2016

#### PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL VELDFIRE

#### AMENDMENT BILL, 2015

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 241 (1) (b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries intends to introduce the National Veldfire Amendment Bill, 2015 in the National Assembly shortly.
2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241 (1) (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.
3. The National Veldfire Amendment Bill, 2015 seeks to amend the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 1998, so as to insert new and to provide clarity on certain definitions; to provide for the facilitation of the formation of fire protection associations by a municipality or a traditional council; to compel a municipality, state owned enterprise, public entity or other organ of state which owns land to join the fire protection associations; to provide for appeals against decisions taken under delegated powers and duties; to amend the title of the Act to National Veldfire Act; to amend the short title and to substitute the long title; and to provide for matters connected therewith.
4. A copy of the Bill can be found on the website of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <http://www.pmg.org.za> and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries at <http://www.daff.gov.za>.