

REPUBLIC OF NAURU  
LICENCES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1997  
(No. 14/1997)

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTION

Section

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**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

(No. 14 of 1997)

**AN ACT**

**To amend the Schedule to the Licences Act 1922-1978**

(Certified: 13/6/97 )

**Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:**

**SHORT TITLE**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Licences (Amendment) Act 1997.
- (2) The Licences Act 1922-1978 as amended by this Act may be cited as the Licences Act 1922-1997.

**COMMENCEMENT**

2. This Act shall come into force with immediate effect.

**REPLACEMENT OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE LICENCES ACT 1922-1978**

3. The Schedule to the Licences Act 1922-1978 is repealed and replaced with the following new Schedule, namely:-

## "SCHEDULE

1. Trading licence
  - (a) main store, or store having no branches \$200.00 per annum
  - (b) branch store, that is, the branch of a store for which the full licence fee has been paid \$110.00 per annum
  - (c) liquor trading licence \$1,000.00 per annum
2. Licence to import explosives \$100.00 per annum"

## LICENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1997

### OBJECTS AND REASONS

THE FEES FOR DIFFERENT KINDS OF LICENCES WERE LAST FIXED BY THE SCHEDULE TO THE LICENCES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1922-1978 WHICH PRESENTLY READS AS UNDER:-

#### EXISTING SCHEDULE

1. Trading licence
  - (a) main store, or store having no branches \$100.00 yearly  
\$ 50.00 half-yearly
  - (b) branch store, that is, the branch of a store  
for which the full licence fee has been paid \$ 50.00 yearly  
\$ 25.00 half-yearly
2. Licence to import explosives \$ 50.00
3. Owning or being in possession of
  - (a) a male dog—for each dog \$ 10.00
  - (b) a female dog \$ 10.00"

SINCE THEN (1978) ADMINISTRATIVE COST FOR PROCESSING LICENCE APPLICATIONS HAS CONSIDERABLY INCREASED AND IT IS FELT THAT IT SHOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE QUESTION OF ENHANCING EXISTING LICENCE FEES. FURTHER IT IS A MATTER OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE PRICES OF DIFFERENT COMMODITIES, PARTICULARLY ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES, HAVE INCREASED AND CONSEQUENTIALLY THE MARGIN OF PROFIT OF

THE TRADERS HAS ALSO INCREASED. THE FEE FOR INCREASE OF TRADING LICENCE IN ITEM I (ONE) IS THEREFORE FULLY JUSTIFIED. FURTHER IN THE CASE OF EXPLOSIVES ALSO IT SEEMS TO BE EXPEDIENT THAT THE FEE SHOULD BE INCREASED IN ITEM 2 (TWO) OF THE EXISTING SCHEDULE.

THE EXISTENCE OF THE FEE AT ITEM 3 (THREE) FOR OWNING OR BEING IN POSSESSION OF DOGS IN EXISTING SCHEDULE IS ANOMALOUS FOR REASONS AS STATED HEREINAFTER.

BY SECTION 21 OF THE ANIMALS ACT 1982 (NO.6 OF 1982) ITEM 5 IN THE SCHEDULE TO LICENCES ORDINANCE 1922-1967, WHICH LAID DOWN THE FEES FOR SUCH MATTERS, WAS REPEALED.

THUS IN 1982 THE SAID ITEM 5 WAS NOT IN EXISTENCE IN AMENDED LICENCES ORDINANCE 1922-1978, BUT IT WAS SHOWN AS ITEM 3.

THIS APPARENTLY OCCURRED BY INADVERTENCE AND OPPORTUNITY CAN BE AVAILED TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION IN THE PRESENT AMENDMENT BILL BY NOT INCLUDING THESE ITEMS IN THE NEW SCHEDULE.

AS IT IS THIS MATTER IS BEING COVERED BY THE ANIMALS (PRESCRIBED FEES) REGULATIONS 1996 MADE UNDER SECTION 20 OF THE ANIMALS ACT 1982 AND IS BEING LAID BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT DURING THE CURRENT 1997 SESSIONS, THEREFORE THE ITEM RELATING TO THE FEE FOR OWNING OR BEING IN POSSESSION

OF DOGS SHOULD NOT FIND PLACE IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT, NAMELY, THE LICENCES ACT 1922-1978 AND WOULD AUTOMATICALLY STAND REPEALED.

ACCORDINGLY IT IS PROPOSED TO REPEAL THE EXISTING SCHEDULE AND SUBSTITUTE IT BY A NEW SCHEDULE AS BELOW.

NEW  
SCHEDULE

1. Trading licence
  - (a) main store, or store having no branches \$200.00 per annum
  - (b) branch store, that is, the branch of a store for which the full licence fee has been paid \$110.00 per annum
  - (c) liquor trading licence \$1,000.00 per annum
2. Licence to import explosives \$100.00 per annum.

I hereby certify that the above is a fair print of a Bill for an Act entitled the Licences (Amendment) Act 1997 that has been passed by Parliament of Nauru and is now presented to the Speaker for his Certificate under Article 47 of the Constitution.

Pursuant to Article 47 of the Constitution, I, KENNAN RANIBOK ADEANG, Speaker of Parliament, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Licences (Amendment) Act 1997 has been passed by Parliament of Nauru.



Clerk of Parliament  
13th June, 1997



Speaker  
13th June, 1997