

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
LIQUOR CONTROL (AMENDMENT) NO. 2 BILL 2018

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Baron Divavesi Waqa, M.P.

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the responsibility to introduce to the House today the *Liquor Control (Amendment) No. 2 Bill 2018*.

The key component of the proposed Bill relates to the Liquor Licensing Board's role in determining liquor licence applications.

Mr Speaker, this Bill will increase the Board's effectiveness and efficiency. This generally pertains to liquor licensing and the Board's discretion in considering and issuing licences on receipt of applications for specific licences.

The proposed Bill enhances the existing provisions in the current Liquor Control Act 2017 by ensuring that it is entrenched in the licences issued to licensee, the hours and days that alcohol may be sold in closed containers. It is proposed specifically for off-licence holders which are retail or wholesale licence holders, that alcohol may only be sold during the hours specified in the licence from Monday to Saturday. On Sundays and public holidays, no alcohol shall be sold.

The proposed Bill also requires an import licence for liquor for the purpose of sale by wholesale or retail sale or supply.

Mr Speaker, the explanatory memorandum explains the provisions of the Bill.

I commend the Bill to the House.