
GENERAL NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE LEGAL PRACTICE BILL, 2012

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 241(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development intends to introduce the Legal Practice Bill, 2012, 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.

The Bill intends to provide a legislative framework for the fundamental transformation and restructuring of the legal profession in line with constitutional imperatives; to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of a single South African Legal Practice Council and Regional Councils in order to regulate the affairs of legal practitioners and set norms and standards; to provide for the admission, enrolment and registration of legal practitioners; to regulate the professional conduct of legal practitioners so as to ensure accountable conduct; to provide for the establishment of an Office of a Legal Services Ombud and the appointment, powers and functions of a Legal Services Ombud; to provide for an Attorneys Fidelity Fund and an Attorneys Fidelity Fund Board of Control; to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of a Transitional South African Legal Practice Council; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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