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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**NOTICE 703 OF 2015****PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES 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 Justice and Correctional Services intends to introduce the Protected Disclosures 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.

The Bill seeks to amend the Protected Disclosures Act, 2000 (Act No. 26 of 2000), so as to extend the application of the Act to any person who works or worked for the State or another person or who in any manner assists or assisted in carrying on or conducting the business of an employer or client as an independent contractor, consultant, agent or person rendering services to a client while being employed by a temporary employment service; to regulate joint liability of employers and their clients; to introduce a duty to inform employees or workers who have disclosed information regarding unlawful or irregular conduct; to provide for immunity against civil and criminal liability flowing from a disclosure of information which shows or tends to show that a criminal offence has been committed, is being committed or is reasonably likely to be committed; to create an offence for the disclosure of false information; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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