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GENERAL NOTICE 401 OF 2012

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).

ALGEMENE KENNISGEWING 401 VAN 2012

DEPARTEMENT VAN JUSTISIE EN STAATKUNDIGE ONTWIKKELING

PUBLIKASIE VAN VERDUIDELIKENDE OPSOMMING VAN DIE "LEGAL PRACTICE BILL, 2012"

1. Kennis word hiermee ooreenkomstig Reël 241(1)(b) van die Reëls van die Nasionale Vergadering gegee dat die Minister van Justisie en Staatkundige Ontwikkeling beoog om die "Legal Practice Bill, 2012", eersdaags in die Nasionale Vergadering in te dien.

2. Die verduidelikende opsomming van die Wetsontwerp word hierby ooreenkomstig Reël 241(1)(c) van die Reëls van die Nasionale Vergadering gepubliseer.

Die Wetsontwerp het ten doel om 'n wetgewende raamwerk daar te stel vir die fundamentele transformasie en herstrukturering van die regsprofessie in ooreenstemming met konstitusionele imperatiewe; om voorsiening te maak vir die instelling, bevoegdhede en funksies van 'n enkele Suid-Afrikaanse Raad vir Regspraktyk en Streeksrade ten einde die aangeleenthede van regspraktisyns te reël en norme en standaarde daar te stel; om voorsiening te maak vir die toelating, ter rolle plasing en registrasie van regspraktisyns; om die professionele gedrag van regspraktisyns te reël ten einde toerekenbare gedrag te verseker; om voorsiening te maak vir die instelling van 'n Kantoor van 'n Ombud vir Regspraktyk en die aanstelling, bevoegdhede en funksies van 'n Ombud vir Regspraktyk; om voorsiening te maak vir 'n Getrouheidsfonds vir Prokureurs en 'n Beheerraad vir die Getrouheidsfonds vir Prokureurs; om voorsiening te maak vir die instelling, bevoegdhede en funksies van 'n Oorgangs-Suid-Afrikaanse Raad vir Regspraktyk; en om voorsiening te maak vir aangeleenthede wat daarmee in verband staan.

3. 'n Afskrif van die Wetsontwerp kan gevind word op die webwerwe van die Parlementêre Moniteringsgroep by <http://www.pmg.org.za> en die Departement van Justisie en Staatkundige Ontwikkeling by <http://www.justice.gov.za>, en kan ook bekom word van die Staatsdrukkers: Kaapstad (Telefoonnommer: (021) 465-7531).
