

THE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL
(No. XXIX of 2004)

Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to provide for –

- (a) the disposal of waste water and effluents through the public sewer;
- (b) the levying of waste water fees from ground water users; and
- (c) the waiving of surcharge on waste water claims.

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A BILL

To provide for the disposal of waste water and effluent through the public sewer, the levying of waste water fees from ground water users and the waiver of fee, surcharge on waste water claims.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows:-

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Wastewater Management Authority (Amendment) Bill 2004.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

‘principal Act’ means the Waste Water Management Authority Act 2000.

3. Section 2 of principal Act amended

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by adding the following new definitions in their appropriate alphabetical order -

“ground water” has the same meaning as in section 2 of Ground Water Act;

“public sewer” means a sewer which is under the operation, maintenance and supervision of the Authority;

4. Section 25 of principal Act amended

Section 25 of the principal Act is amended in sub-section (3), by inserting immediately after the word “as may be prescribed under this Act” the following words “, the Ground Water Act”.

5. New Section 37A added to principal Act

37 A Prohibition on free disposal of effluent and waste water

(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, or any other enactment, no person shall construct or cause to be constructed on his premises any house sewer, treatment plant or effluent disposal system where a public sewer already exists and the connection of the premises to the public sewer is, according to the Authority, technically feasible.

(2) (a) Where a premises has an existing house sewer, treatment plant or effluent disposal system, the Authority may issue a notice to the owner or occupier of the premises requiring him to connect to the public sewer.

(b) A notice shall be issued where the Authority is of the view that the house sewer, treatment plant or effluent disposal system –

- (i) is likely to be detrimental to the environment;
- (ii) may constitute a source of nuisance; or
- (iii) be injurious to health.

(c) The notice shall be in such form as may be approved by the Authority and shall specify the time limit during which the premises must be connected to the public sewer.

(3) Any person who fails to comply with a notice issued under subsection (2) shall commit an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees.

(4) The Court may in addition to the fine, specified under sub-section (3) , order that the premises be connected to the public sewer within such time as the Court may deem fit.

(5) The Court shall notify the Authority of an order made under sub-section (4) within a period of 15 days of the making of the order.

6. Consequential Amendment

Section 21 A of the Central Water Authority Act is amended by adding immediately after subsection (3), the following new subsection –

(3A) The Authority may, upon a request from the Waste Water Management Authority, waive any surcharge that may have been imposed under subsection (3).

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