

THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(No. of 2004)

Explanatory Memorandum

The main object of this Bill is -

- (a) to enable a Regional General Assembly to be composed of a minimum of 2 clubs in any sports discipline; and
- (b) to enable the Minister to set up a Caretaker Committee after consultation with the Olympic Committee or, as the case may be, the Paralympic Committee where a Sports Federation no longer satisfies the requirements of the Act.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause

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A BILL

To amend the Sports Act 2001

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Sports (Amendment) Act 2004.

2. Interpretation

In this Act -

“principal Act” means the Sports Act 2001.

3. Section 2 of principal Act amended

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) in the definition of “Chief Commissioner”, by deleting the words “Rodrigues General Assembly” and replacing them by the words “Rodrigues Regional Assembly”;
- (b) by inserting the following new definition in the appropriate alphabetical order –

“combined regions” means 2 or more geographical areas, excluding Rodrigues, combined by geographical proximity;

4. Section 8 of principal Act amended

Section 8 of the principal Act is amended -

- (a) in subsection (2), by inserting immediately after paragraph (a), the following new paragraph -
 - (aa) has, subject to section 9(3)(b),(c) and (d), more than one registered club in each of the sports regions where it is authorised to operate;
- (b) by repealing subsection (6) and replacing it by the following subsection -

(6) Where the Minister is satisfied that a Sports Federation no longer satisfies the requirements of this Act, he may, after consultation with the Olympic Committee or, as the case may be, the Paralympic Committee -

- (a) suspend or cancel the certificate of recognition of the Sports Federation; and
- (b) set up a Caretaker Committee to run the affairs of the Sports Federation.

5. Section 9 of principal Act amended

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended -

- (a) in subsection (3) –
 - (i) in paragraph (a), by deleting the words “2 years” and replacing them by the words “3 years”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words “from the end of period of 2 years” and replacing them by the words “from the end of period of 3 years”;
- (b) in subsection (4), by inserting immediately after paragraph (b), the following new paragraph -
 - (ba) Where the total number of representatives sent by the sports clubs under paragraph (b) is less than 7, every sports club shall send an equal number of representatives so that the total number of representatives exceeds 7.