

THE COURT OF RODRIGUES JURISDICTION (AMENDMENT) BILL
(No. XXV of 2025)

Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to amend the Court of Rodrigues Jurisdiction Act with a view to extending the application of the Children's Court Act 2020 to Rodrigues.

2. Accordingly, the Magistrate for Rodrigues will have jurisdiction to hear and determine cases which, in Mauritius, would be cognisable by the Protection Division and the Criminal Division of the Children's Court.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause

1. Short title
2. Interpretation
3. Section 2 of principal Act amended
4. Section 12 of principal Act amended

A BILL

To amend the Court of Rodrigues Jurisdiction Act

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Court of Rodrigues Jurisdiction (Amendment) Act 2025.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Court of Rodrigues Jurisdiction Act.

3. Section 2 of principal Act amended

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after the words “the District and Intermediate Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act,” the words “the Children’s Court Act 2020,”.

4. Section 12 of principal Act amended

Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (1) and replacing it by the following subsection –

(1) Notwithstanding any other enactment, the Magistrate for Rodrigues shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine a case –

- (a) referred to in section 112(d) and (f) of the Courts Act which, in Mauritius, would upon a reference by the Director of Public Prosecutions, be cognisable by the Intermediate

Court; and

- (b) under section 5 or 8 of the Children's Court Act 2020 which, in Mauritius, would be cognisable by the Protection Division or Criminal Division of the Children's Court, as the case may be.
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