

**THE POLICE (AMENDMENT) BILL**  
(No. XXVII of 2025)

**Explanatory Memorandum**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Police Act so as to empower the Commissioner of Police to retain the services of foreign specialised investigative officers to carry out, under the direction and control of the Commissioner of Police, complex or serious criminal inquiries.

2. For avoidance of doubt, the specialised investigative officers will have no powers of arrest.

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**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

*Clauses*

1. Short title
2. Interpretation
3. Section 22 of principal Act amended

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**A BILL**

**To amend the Police Act**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Police (Amendment) Act 2025.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Police Act.

**3. Section 22 of principal Act amended**

Section 22 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following new subsections –

(1A) To assist the Police in the performance of its functions under subsection (1), the Commissioner may retain the services of foreign specialised investigative officers to carry out complex or serious criminal inquiries.

(1B) Any foreign specialised investigative officer whose services have been retained pursuant to subsection (1A) shall, in carrying out a police inquiry –

- (a) act under the direction and control of the Commissioner or any other police officer as the Commissioner may designate; and
- (b) have no powers of arrest.

(1C) A person shall be eligible to be a specialised investigative officer where he has served in a foreign law enforcement authority, and has acquired and demonstrated specialist expertise in the type of complex and serious criminal inquiry for which his services are to be retained.

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