

SECOND READING SPEECH

STAMP DUTIES (2015BUDGET)(AMENDMENT) BILL 2014

MR SPEAKER,

THE BILL PROPOSES:

AN AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT A RENTAL INCOME COMPLIANCE SYSTEM. THIS IS INTENDED TO CAPTURE LANDLORDS WHO ARE CURRENTLY LEASING OUT THEIR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES BUT ARE NOT DECLARING THIS INCOME TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE COMMISSION.

MR SPEAKER, I COMMEND THE BILL.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Stamp Duties (2015 Budget)(Amendment) Bill 2014

The Bill proposes:

An amendment to the *Stamp Duties Act 1952* to implement a rental income compliance system. This is intended to capture landlords who are currently leasing out their commercial and residential properties but are not declaring this income to the Internal Revenue Commission.

This will make it mandatory for landlords to provide their Taxation Identification Number (TIN) on lease documentation so that the IRC can more easily identify the landlords and their likely taxation liabilities when stamp duty processing is undertaken.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSE.

New Section 50A.

“50A. REQUIREMENTS BEFORE STAMPING OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY”.



A BILL

for

AN ACT

entitled

Stamp Duties (2015 Budget)(Amendment) Act 2014.

Being an Act to amend the *Stamp Duties Act (Chapter 117)*,

MADE BY the National Parliament to come into operation on 1 January 2015.

NEW SECTION 50A.

The Principal Act is amended by inserting, after Section 50, the following new section:

“50A. REQUIREMENT BEFORE STAMPING OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY.

Notwithstanding anything in this Division, a lease document relating to real property shall not be stamped unless the taxpayer identification number of the owner of the real property, as issued by the Commissioner General of the Internal Revenue Commission, is cited in the lease document.”.