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GENERAL NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2012

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 241 (1) (b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries intends to introduce the Veterinary and Para-veterinary Professions Amendment Bill 2012 in the National Assembly shortly.

2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241 (1) (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Amendment Bill, 2012 (the Bill), seeks to amend the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act No. 19 of 1982) (the Act) in order to provide for: establishment of an appeal committee; performance of compulsory community service by certain persons registered in terms of the Act (and incidental matters connected thereto); inclusion of physiological condition in the definition of veterinary services; registration of a person who has completed the relevant qualifications but which has not been conferred; continued registration of a foreign veterinarian who attain either citizenship or permanent residency; continuing professional development; suspension of registered persons; appointment and powers of inspection officers; the investigation of complaints; and cost orders.

3. A copy of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <http://www.pmg.org.za> and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries at <http://www.daff.gov.za> and may also be obtained from the Government Printers: Cape Town (Telephone number: (021)465-7531)

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