

BILL NO. 19 OF 2015

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUGAR CANE GROWERS FUND ACT (CAP. 207)

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Sugar Cane Growers Fund (Amendment) Act 2015.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette.

Section 7 amended

2. Section 7 of the Sugar Cane Growers Fund Act (Cap. 207) is amended—
 - (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following—

“(1) The Board shall consist of such members as shall be appointed by the Minister.”; and
 - (b) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following—

“(3) The Minister shall appoint the Chairperson of the Board.”

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Bill and is only intended to indicate its general effect)

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Sugar Cane Growers Fund Act (Cap. 207) (**‘Act’**) provides for the establishment and management of the Sugar Cane Growers Fund (**‘Fund’**). The function of the Fund is to, among others, provide loans to sugar cane growers for specific purposes.
- 1.2 The Act also establishes the Board of Management of the Fund. Subject to any direction by the Minister responsible for Sugar Industry (**‘Minister’**), the Board is responsible for the control and conduct of the affairs of the Fund.
- 1.3 The Sugar Cane Growers Fund (Amendment) Bill 2015 (**‘Bill’**) proposes to amend the composition of the Board so that members of the Board including its Chairperson is appointed by the Minister.
- 1.4 Therefore, the Bill amends section 7 of the Act to ensure that the Minister appoints the members of the Board.

2.0 CLAUSES

- 2.1 Clause 1 provides for the short title and states that the new Act will come into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette.
- 2.2 Clause 2 amends section 7 of the Act by deleting subsection (1) and substituting a new provision stating that the members of the Board including its Chairperson will be appointed by the Minister.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1 The Act comes under the responsibility of the Minister responsible for Sugar Industry.

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