

BILL NO. 17 OF 2022

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE SURVEYORS ACT 1969

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Surveyors (Revised Budget Amendment) Act 2022.
- (2) This Act comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

Section 21 deleted

2. The Surveyors Act 1969 is amended by deleting section 21.

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SURVEYORS (REVISED BUDGET AMENDMENT) BILL 2022

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Surveyors Act 1969 (**‘Act’**) provides for *inter alia* the registration of land surveyors and the regulation of the survey of land.
- 1.2 Under section 21 of the Act, surveyors are to be paid for surveys of land at fees set by the Surveyor-General with the consent of the Minister and which are published in the Gazette.
- 1.3 The Surveyors (Revised Budget Amendment) Bill 2022 (**‘Bill’**) however seeks to amend the Act to provide flexibility and greater competition in the market, and therefore better pricing for members of the public. This would then also create more business opportunities for surveyors.

2.0 CLAUSES

- 2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides for the short title and commencement. If passed by Parliament, the amending legislation will come into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
- 2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill amends the Act by deleting section 21.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1 The Act comes under the responsibility of the Minister responsible for lands and mineral resources.

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