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### NEGOTIATING MANDATE:

### RENTAL HOUSING AMENDMENT BILL [B 30B-2007]

The Portfolio Committee on Local Government and Housing met on the 11 October 2007 for the briefing by the permanent delegate of the National Council of Provinces on the Rental Amendment Bill [B 30B-2007] (the Bill). The Legal Advisor of the Legislature was present.

After consideration of the Bill, the Committee agreed to the proposed amendments and supports the Bill as it stands.

The permanent delegates representing the Province of Mpumalanga in the National Council of provinces are hereby conferred with authority and mandated to vote in favour of the Bill.

  
HON. J. MAHLANGU  
CHAIRPERSON: PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE  
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

26/10/2007  
DATE

**PUBLIC HEARING REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ABOUT THE RENTAL HOUSING AMENDMENT BILL [B 30B-2007] 24 AND 25 OCTOBER 2007**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Portfolio Committee on Local Government and Housing was furnished with the Rental Housing Amendment Bill [B 30B - 2007], a s 76 Bill. Subsequently the Committee resolved to conduct Public Hearings to elicit views, inputs and/or comments from the members of the Public and stakeholders.

### **2. OBJECTIVES OF THE BILL**

To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1999 so as to substitute a definition; to make further provision for rulings by Rental Tribunals; to expand the provisions pertaining to leases; and to extend the period allowed for the filling of vacancies in Rental Housing Tribunals; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

### **3. METHOD OF WORK**

The Speaker referred the Bill to the Committee for consideration and report back to the House as per the provisions of rules and orders. On 11 October 2007 the permanent delegate to the NCOP viz. Mr. A Watson briefed the Committee on the Bill. The Committee conducted Public Hearings within the Province on 24 and 25 October 2007 respectively and there were approximately 300 people.

Honorable Members of the Portfolio Committee presented the Bill on section by section basis and the memorandum thereof to the meeting. After the presentation, they invited the Members of the Public to raise clarity seeking questions and also exhorted them to air their views which are stated hereunder.

#### **4.1 INPUTS AND COMMENTS**

The Members of the Public unanimously accepted all the amendments and the objectives of the Bill. In the absence of contrary views, the Bill was endorsed.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATION**

The Portfolio Committee hereby recommends that the Permanent Delegates representing the Province of Mpumalanga in the NCOP should be conferred with authority to vote in favor of the Bill as per the unanimous acceptance of the Public.

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

The Chairperson would like to thank the Members of the Portfolio Committee for their participation during and after the proceedings of the public hearings.

Lastly, on behalf of the Committee, the Chairperson would like to request the House to adopt this Report.

  
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Hon. NJ MAHLANGU

**CHAIRPERSON OF THE PORTFOLIO**

**COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

31/10/2007  
DATE