

**SEYCHELLES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES AGENCY
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

(Bill No. 10 of 2019)

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend sections 2, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 18, and 24 of the Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services Agency Act (Cap 314).

Amendment of section 2, is intended to provide for the definitions of “on call” and “on duty”.

Amendment of section 4, is intended to insert after the words “or mitigate”, the words “damage to property” in subsection (1)(g).

Amendment of section 5(1), is intended to repeal the words “the Minister may” and substitute therefor the words “The Chief Fire Officer in consultation with the Minister may” so that in case of emergency the Chief Fire Officer can make special arrangements.

Amendment of section 6(1), is intended to provide for the appointment of “Senior Divisional Officers and Junior Fire Fighters”.

Amendment of section 13 is intended to insert a new subsection (3) conferring the power upon the Chief Fire Officer or other officer in charge to call back to duty any officer on call.

Amendment of section 14(1) providing for powers of fire fighting officers to remove any property in the vicinity of any fire, take any equipment required to be used on any premises in order to carry out their duties and use any convenient sources of water for the purposes of extinguishing a fire.

Repeal of section 18; and

Amendment of section 24 is intended to provide for regulation making powers for disciplinary measures, offences and enforcement procedures in respect of members of the Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services Agency, the enforcement of fire safety and regulation and management of the life guard services.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2019.

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- (g) by repealing section 18;
- (h) in section 24 —
 - (i) by repealing in paragraph (f), the word “and” appearing at the end;
 - (ii) by inserting after paragraph (g), the following paragraphs —
 - “(h) the disciplinary measures, offences and enforcement procedures in respect of the members of the Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services Agency;
 - (i) the regulation and enforcement of fire safety;
 - (j) the regulation and management of the life guard services.”

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A BILL

OF

AN ACT to amend the Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services Agency Act (Cap 314).

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

1. This Act may be cited as the Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services Agency (Amendment) Act, 2019.

Short title

Amendment of
Cap 314

2. The Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services Agency Act is amended as follows—

- (a) by inserting, in section 2, after the definition of “officer in charge” the following definitions —

““on call” means the hours a member of the Seychelles Fire and Rescue services Agency is not on rota to work but liable to be called back to duty at any time;

“on duty” means the hours a member of the Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services Agency is on rota to work, called back to duty or reacts to an incident in line with their mandated duty;”;

- (b) by inserting in section 4(1)(g), after the word “or mitigate”, the words “damage to property;”;
- (c) by repealing in section 5(1), the words “The Minister may” and substituting therefor the words “The Chief Fire Officer in consultation with the Minister may”;
- (d) in section 6(1) (b)—
- (i) by inserting after the words “such number of Deputy Chief Fire Officers,”, the words “Senior Divisional Officers;”;
- (ii) by repealing the words “and Fire Fighters” and substituting therefor the words “Fire Fighters and Junior Fire Fighters”;

- (e) by inserting in section 13 after subsection (2), the following subsection —

“(3) For the purpose of this section, the Chief Fire Officer or other officer charged with the general direction and superintendence of the Seychelles Fire and Rescue Services Agency may call back to duty any officer on call.”;

- (f) in section 14(1)—

(i) by repealing paragraph (e) and substituting therefor for the following paragraph—

“(e) order to remove or caused to be removed from any building or structure which is on fire or is in the vicinity of a fire or other emergency, any vessel, vehicle, furniture, flammable, combustible, explosive or dangerous material or other property found therein;”;

- (ii) by inserting after paragraph, (g), the following paragraphs —

“(h) take any equipment required to be used into, through or upon any premises where it is necessary for the purpose of carrying out their duties;

(i) use any convenient sources of water for the purpose of extinguishing a fire.”;