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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT

(Act 18 of 2016)

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister responsible for environment makes the following regulations —

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Environment Protection (Ozone) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2021.

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(Bill No. 24 of 2021)

OBJECTS AND REASONS

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Dated this 14th day of June, 2021.

FRANK D.R. ALLY ATTORNEY-GENERAL

(Bill No. 24 of 2021)

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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(Bill No. 24 of 2021)



A BILL

FOR

AN ACT to amend the Revenue Administration Act, 2009 (Cap. 308).

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Revenue Administration (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Amendment of section 41

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Amendment of section 45

- 3. Section 45 of the principal Act is amended by
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