

**PREVENTION OF DRUG USE AND REHABILITATION AGENCY
(REPEAL) BILL, 2021**

(Bill No. 43 of 2021)

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to repeal the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency Act, *Act 13 of 2017* (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”, and consequently dissolve the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) established thereunder.

The President of the Republic in his address to the Nation on 1st February, 2021 announced the intended restructuring of several Government, statutory and public bodies.

It is in line with this aforementioned announcement, that the repeal of Act 13 of 2017 is being proposed.

On the repeal of the Act, the Agency shall stand dissolved and its function shall be assumed and discharged by the Ministry of Health of the Government of Seychelles, all its employees shall become employees of the Government, and the assets and liabilities of the Agency shall vest into, and become assets of the Government of Seychelles.

This Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2021.

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT to provide for the repeal of the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency Act, (Act 13 of 2017).

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency (Repeal) Act, 2021.

Repeal of Act 13 of 2017.

2. The Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency Act (Act 13 of 2017), is hereby repealed and the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency established under section 3 of the Act shall stand dissolved.

Continuation of Employment

3. Notwithstanding any law, a person employed with the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency under section 3 of the Act on the date of the repeal of the Act shall continue his or her employment with the Government of Seychelles, in its Ministry of Health, on terms and conditions no less favourable than those subsisting immediately prior to the date of the repeal of the Act until these are amended, varied or repealed in accordance with any scheme of service applicable to employees of the Government.

Assets, liabilities and contracts

4. On the repeal of this Act —

- (a) all movable or immovable properties, assets, rights, interests and privileges acquired, accrued by, or vested in, the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency under the repealed Act shall stand transferred to and vested in the Government of Seychelles;
- (b) all liabilities and obligations incurred by the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency prior to the date of the date of the repeal of the Act shall be deemed to have been incurred by the Government of Seychelles;
- (c) any contract or agreement executed by the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Agency prior to the date of the repeal of the Act shall continue to have effect in accordance with its terms as if it was originally made and entered into by the Government of Seychelles; and

- (d) any right, privilege obligation or liability acquired or incurred by a person under the repealed Act shall not be affected by the repeal and any legal investigation, legal proceedings or remedy in respect of such right, privilege, obligation or liability may be instituted, continued or enforced by or against the Government of Seychelles.

Effect of repeal

5. The mention of the particular matters referred to in sections 3 and 4 shall not be held to prejudice or affect the general application of section 31 of the Interpretation and General Provisions Act (Cap 103) with regard to the effect of repeal.