

Drug control (Amendment) Act, 2014



THE GAMBIA

NO. 09 OF 2014

Assented to by The President,

this 9th day of October, 2014



YAHYA A. J. J. JAMMEH
President

AN ACT to amend the Drug Control Act, 2003 and for connected matters.

{ 9th October, 2014 }

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as Drug Control (Amendment) Act, 2014.

2. Amendment of cap. 13.05

The Drug Control Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act.

3. Amendment of section 2

Section 2 of the Drug Control Act, is amended by substituting for the definition of the term "Agency", the following definition-

"Agency" means Drug Law Enforcement Agency, The Gambia (DLEAG).

4. Amendment of section 9

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended in sub-section (1) by substituting for the words "every month", the words "every quarter".

5. Amendment of section 35

Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after sub-section (1), the following new sub-section and renumbering the succeeding sub-sections-

"(2) Notwithstanding sub-section (1), a person who is found in possession of cannabis for the first time commits an offence and is liable on conviction, where the quantity of cannabis is between-

- (a) 0.1 gram and 150 grams, to a fine of not less than fifty thousand dalasis and not exceeding one hundred thousand dalasis or imprisonment for not less than one year but not exceeding two years or both the fine and imprisonment;
- (b) 151 grams and 500 grams, to a fine of not less than one hundred thousand dalasis and not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dalasis or imprisonment for not less than two years and not exceeding five years or both the fine and imprisonment; or

- (c) 501 grams and above, to a fine of not less than one hundred and fifty thousand dalasis and not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dalasis or imprisonment for not less than three years and not exceeding ten years or both the fine and imprisonment.

6. Amendment of Part III

(1) Sections 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after the word "controlled", the words "or prohibited" wherever it occurs.

(2) Sections 34, 36, 37, 40 and 41 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately before the words "Second Schedule", the words "First Schedule and".

PASSED in the National Assembly this Twenty-Fifth day of August in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

D. C. M. Kebbeh

Clerk of the National Assembly.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed in the National Assembly, and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.

D. C. M. Kebbeh

Clerk of the National Assembly.

