

BILL

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A BILL ENTITLED

The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2017

Short title.

Being an Act to amend the Citizenship Act, 1973, to take into consideration the amendment made to the Citizenship Act in 2006 providing for citizenship by birth to be granted through the mother.

[

] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

Section 5 of
Act No. of
1973

1. Section 5 of the Citizenship Act, 1973 is repealed and replaced by the following new section—

“Citizenship
by descent

5. Every person born outside Sierra Leone on or after the nineteenth day of April 1971 of a father or mother who was or would but for the death of the person have been a citizen of Sierra Leone by virtue of sections 2, 3 and 4, is a citizen of Sierra Leone by birth.”

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of this Bill is to amend section 5 of the Citizenship Act, 1973 to take into cognizance the amendment made to the Citizenship Act in 2006 wherein citizenship by birth can now be granted directly through the mother. This new clause proposes the insertion of the word “mother” to take into consideration the 2006 amendment.

MAJOR RTD. PALO CONTEH,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

FREETOWN,
SIERRA LEONE,
JUNE, 2017.