

**THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1969**

No. 13



of 1969.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LAW, 1961 BY TRANSFERRING THE PRESIDENT'S POWERS THEREUNDER TO THE MINISTER, BY EXTENDING THE REQUIREMENT OF UNDERTAKERS LICENCES, BY PROVIDING WHAT DECISIONS MAY BE MADE ON APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH LICENCES, BY MAKING FURTHER PROVISION TO ENSURE THAT CONSUMERS' INSTALLATIONS COMPLY WITH PRESCRIBED STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY, BY PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS IN LICENCES PRESCRIBING TYPE OF CURRENT AND NOMINAL FREQUENCY AND PRESSURE AND PERMISSIBLE DEVIATION THEREFROM, AND BY MAKING CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENTS.

Date of Assent: 8.7.69.

Date of Commencement: 25.7.69.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Electricity Supply (Amendment) Act, 1969.

Substitution of References to Minister in Law No. 25 of 1961

2. The references to the President in the Electricity Supply Law, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the principal law) are deleted wherever they occur, and there are substituted therefor references to the Minister.

Amendment of Section 4 of Law No. 25 of 1961

3. Section 4 of the principal law is amended by the repeal of subsection (2) and the substitution therefor of —

“(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall apply to the generation of electricity for the private consumption and use of the person generating the same unless the electricity so generated is generated or used within or distributed to —

- (a) any premises to which the public customarily have access for any purpose whatsoever;
- (b) any premises while in the course of construction;
- (c) any premises situated within an area in which a public supply of electricity is available."

Amendment of Section 5 of Law No. 25 of 1961

4. Section 5 of the principal law is amended by the addition of the following subsection, the present section becoming subsection (1) —

"(2) The Minister may grant a licence with or without conditions or may refuse it."

Amendment of Section 6 of Law No. 25 of 1961

5. Section 6 of the principal law is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (3) —

"(3A) A licence may contain conditions prescribing the type of current and the nominal frequency and pressure of the electricity to be supplied by the licensee within any particular area or to any particular person or class of persons to whom it is supplied, and the limits within which the actual frequency and pressure of the electricity so supplied may deviate from the nominal frequency and pressure."

Amendment of Section 8 of Law No. 25 of 1961

6. Section 8 of the principal law is amended in subsection (1) —

- (a) by the deletion of "and" preceding paragraph (b);
- (b) by the deletion of paragraph (b) and the substitution therefor of —

"(b) place any lines, meters, fittings, works or apparatus on the premises of any person who has applied for the supply of electricity;"

(c) by the addition of the following paragraph —

"(c) with the consent of the occupier, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, at all reasonable times enter the premises of any person to whom electricity is supplied, or who has applied for the supply of electricity, by such licensee, in order to ensure that the consumer's installations comply with the prescribed standards."

Amendment of Section 10 of Law No. 25 of 1961

7. Section 10 of the principal law is amended in subsection (1) by the insertion after "therefor" of "and whose electrical installations comply with the prescribed standards".

Amendment of Section 22 of Law No. 25 of 1961

8. Section 22 of the principal law is amended in subsection (1) by the insertion

after "therefor," of "and to investigate whether consumers' installations comply with the prescribed standards,".

Amendment of Section 23 of Law No. 25 of 1961

9. Section 23 of the principal law is amended in subsection (2) by the insertion in paragraph (d) after "standards" of "of safety and efficiency".

Passed by the National Assembly this day, the 25th March, 1969.

G.T. MATENGE,
Clerk of the National Assembly.