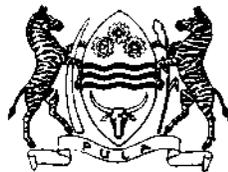


THE EMPLOYMENT OF VISITORS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1971

No. 34



of 1971

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT OF VISITORS ACT, 1966.

Date of Assent: 7.10.1971

Date of Commencement: 15.10.1971

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

1. This Act may be cited as the Employment of Visitors (Amendment) Act, 1971. Short title

2. Section 2 of the Employment of Visitors Act, 1968, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, is amended by the deletion of the definition of "visitor" appearing therein and by the substitution thereof of a new definition as follows — Amendment of section 2 of Act 19 of 1968

"visitor" means any person other than

- (a) a citizen of Botswana;
- (b) a person who is a member of a class of persons exempted by the Minister from obtaining a residence permit in order to reside in Botswana but not the wife or children of such a person;

- (c) a person entitled to immunity under the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, 1968; and
- (d) a refugee;”.

Amendment
of section 3 of
Act 19 of
1968

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsection (3) thereof and by the substitution therefor of a new subsection as follows —

“(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of R1,000 and to imprisonment for 12 months.”.

Amendment
of section 4 of
Act 19 of
1968

4. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsections (2) and (3) thereof and by the substitution therefor of two new subsections as follows —

“(2) A visitors’ work permit shall be in the prescribed form and shall specify the name of the employer, the name of the employee and the type of employment to which it relates and shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (3), be valid for the period specified therein by the labour officer issuing the same. No permit shall be granted for a period exceeding 6 months from the date of issue unless the Minister shall in any particular case direct otherwise.

(3) A visitors’ work permit, other than a permit granted for a period exceeding 6 months on the direction of the Minister, may be renewed for further periods not exceeding 6 months at any one time, upon the payment of such fees as may be prescribed, so however that it does not remain valid for more than 12 months in all, by the endorsement of such renewal by a labour officer on the original permit. A visitors’ work permit granted for a period exceeding 6 months on the direction of the Minister may be renewed, upon the payment of such fees as may be prescribed, for such period or periods as the Minister may direct by the endorsement of such renewal by a labour officer on the original permit.”

Saving

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act a person who was employed on the 1st August, 1971, and who did not require a visitors’ work permit on that date by reason of the fact that he was the holder of a residence permit or the wife or child of a member of a class of persons exempted from obtaining a residence permit may continue in the same employment until the 31st December, 1971, notwithstanding that he has not obtained a visitors’ work permit.

Passed by the National Assembly this day, the 22nd September, 1971.

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