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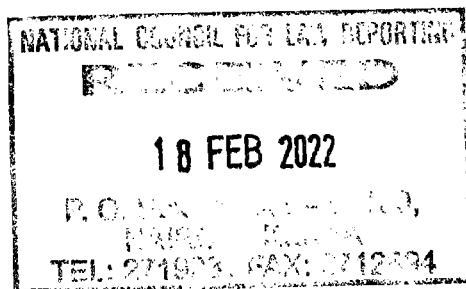
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THE MILITARY VETERANS BILL, 2022

A BILL for

AN ACT of Parliament to establish a regulatory and institutional framework for the management of military veterans' affairs; for the provision of benefits to military veterans and military veterans' dependants; to establish the Dependants' Education Fund; to establish the Defence Forces Retirement Home; and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Military Veterans Act, 2022. Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“Advisory Committee” means the Advisory Committee on Military Veterans established by section 11;

“benefit” means any benefit contemplated in section 7;

“Cabinet Secretary” means the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to military veterans;

“child” means the unmarried biological or adopted child of a military veteran who has not attained eighteen years of age;

“Defence Council” means the Defence Council established under Article 241 (5) of the Constitution;

“dependant”, in relation to a military veteran, means the spouse or child of a military veteran;

“Director” means the Director of Military Veterans appointed under section 9; and

“educational institution” means a—

- (a) secondary school;
- (b) technical or vocational institution;
- (c) college or university.

3. The principal objects of this Act are to establish— Principal objects of the Act.

- (a) a regulatory and institutional framework for the management of military veterans' affairs;
- (b) a regulatory and institutional framework for the provision of benefits to military veterans and military veterans' dependants;
- (c) the Dependants' Education Fund; and
- (d) the Defence Forces Retirement Home.

4. (1) For the purposes of this Act, the following shall be the guiding principles relating to military veterans—

Guiding
principles of the
Act.

- (a) the sacrifices made by military veterans during military service and their role in the protection of national boundaries, and the security and integrity of Kenya shall be honoured;
- (b) military veterans who suffer from physical or mental disability that arise from their military service shall be given special benefits; and
- (c) Government ministries, departments and agencies involved with military veterans shall co-operate with the Ministry responsible for matters relating to military veterans for the benefit of military veterans.

(2) Policies regarding military veterans shall be aimed at—

- (a) recognising and honouring military veterans;
- (b) ensuring the smooth and seamless transition of military veterans from military service to civilian life;
- (c) restoring the capability of military veterans with disabilities to the greatest extent possible;
- (d) improving the quality of life of military veterans and their dependants; and
- (e) facilitating effective access to benefits and services for military veterans.

(3) Funds relating to military veterans shall be managed in accordance with the following principles—