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It is hereby notified that the President has assented to the following Act, which is hereby published for general information:—

No. 2 of 2010: Safety at Sports and Recreational Events act, 2010

Please note that most Acts are published in English and another South African official language. Currently we only have capacity to publish the English versions. This means that this document will only contain even numbered pages as the other language is printed on uneven numbered pages.



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(English text signed by the President.)
(Assented to 24 May 2010.)

ACT

To provide for measures to safeguard the physical well-being and safety of persons and property at sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar events held at stadiums, venues or along a route; to provide for the accountability of event role-players; to provide for certain prohibitions; to provide for the risk categorisation of events; to provide for the establishment of measures to deal with safety and security at events; to provide for accreditation of role-players at events; to provide for event ticketing; to provide for the control of access of spectators and vehicles at events; to provide for the issuing of safety certificates for planned or existing stadiums or venues; to provide for the contents of safety certificates and amendments to safety certificates; to provide for appointment of inspectors and their powers of entry and inspection; to provide for the deployment of security services; to provide for spectator exclusion notices; to provide for prohibition notices; to provide for the establishment of an Appeal Board and for appeals; to provide for public liability insurance for events; to provide for payment of fees; to provide for offences and penalties; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

PREAMBLE

RECOGNISING that—

- the physical well-being and safety of all persons attending sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar events as well as the safety of their property—
 - at stadiums or other venues; and
 - in the case of a race, tour or procession, along a route, must be promoted and protected;
- the rights of persons who attend sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar events must be protected;

NOTING that—

- the planning, management and enforcement of safety and security at sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar events held at stadiums, other venues and in respect of events in the form of a race, tour or procession along a route, must be handled by people experienced in the field of safety and security;
- all controlling bodies of sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar activities, event organisers, stadium or venue owners and their managements must have proper safety and security measures in place; and

Act No. 2, 2010 SAFETY AT SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS ACT, 2010

- controlling bodies of all sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar activities, event organisers and stadium and venue owners and their managements must place the broader interests of sports, recreational, religious, cultural, organisational or similar activities above their own interests, particularly the promotion and maintenance of the safety, security and convenience of persons who attend sports, recreational, religious, cultural, organisational or similar events;

ACKNOWLEDGING—

- the need to determine and maintain minimum safety and security standards at sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar events;
- the importance of the promotion of spectator-friendly, secure sports, recreational, religious, cultural, organisational or similar events;
- that the Republic has become a desirous destination for the hosting of major international sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar events,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

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CHAPTER 1

DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION OF ACT

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1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates—
- “**access control officer**” means a person appointed in terms of section 20 to be in charge of access of persons and motor vehicles at an event;
- “**accreditation**” means a process whereby persons and drivers of motor vehicles wishing to enter a designated area within a stadium, venue or along a route or their respective precincts must apply for, be evaluated, screened and subjected to meeting certain criteria set by the event safety and security planning committee and be issued with a special pass incorporating security features which entitles the

- holder thereof to gain access to the designated area as contemplated in section 18;
- “authorised member”** means a police official designated in terms of section 15 as Chairperson of an event safety and security planning committee and has overall authority to direct measures relating to safety and security at an event;
- “Authority”** means the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority established by section 2(1) of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act, 2001 (Act No. 56 of 2001); 5
- “controlling body”** means a national federation as defined in section 1 of the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (Act No. 110 of 1998), a provincial federation or an international controlling body or other body governing a code of sport, recreational, religious, cultural or similar activity in the Republic, but excludes the National Department of Sport and Recreation of the Republic of South Africa; 10
- “corporate hospitality”** includes the provision of food, liquid refreshments and entertainment, to members of the public or invited guests within a permanent or temporary demarcated hospitality area which may be located within a stadium or a venue or along a route, or within the immediate or outer precincts thereof; 15
- “designated area”** means an area or zone designated by the event safety and security planning committee in the prescribed manner as contemplated in section 16(1)(e) and in respect of which access is limited to a person specifically accredited to enter such area or zone; 20
- “disaster management”** means a process of planning and implementation of the disaster preventative and reactive measures referred to in section 1 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002);
- “disaster management centre”** means a centre established in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002); 25
- “emergency services”** means, in relation to a sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar event, all public and private sector medical services, including emergency medical services and health services, the fire department, the disaster management department and local authority traffic or by-law enforcement department; 30
- “essential services”** means a department of state or other administrative unit, such as a disaster management centre and those departments responsible for electrical, water, sewerage and waste removal utilities in the administration of a local authority, including any functionary or institution performing the above or related public functions, or an external service provider as defined in section 1 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000), responsible for ensuring that the measures contemplated under the definition of ‘disaster management’ contained in section 1 of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), are in place and complied with as far as the staging of an event at a stadium or venue or along a route is concerned; 35 40
- “event”** means sporting, entertainment, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar activities hosted at a stadium, venue or along a route or within their respective precincts;
- “event organiser”** means any person who plans, is in charge of, manages, supervises or holds an event or sponsorship rights to an event or in any manner controls or has a material interest in the hosting of an event as contemplated in this Act; 45
- “event safety and security planning committee”** means the committee contemplated in section 15 responsible for coordinating the functions of the role-players that are involved in the provision of safety and security at an event, the safety and security planning for an event, the assignment of safety and security tasks to role-players at an event, the demarcation of safety and security areas and zones and to advise the National Commissioner of the committee’s assessment of the categorisation of an event; 50 55