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**MALTA****KAMRA TAD-DEPUTATI****HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

ABBOZZ ta' Liġi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Joseph Brincat, M.P., Ministru tal-Gustizzja, Artijiet, Djar u Affarijiet tal-Parlament, u moqri għall-Ewwel Darba fis-Seduta tal-15 ta' Ottubru, 1979.

A BILL introduced by the Honourable Joseph Brincat, M.P., Minister of Justice, Lands, Housing and Parliamentary Affairs, and read the First time at the Sitting of the 15th October, 1979.

ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att dwar il-Professjoni Nutarili u l-Arkivji Nutarili, Kap. 92.

AN ACT further to amend the Notarial Profession and Notarial Archives Act, Cap. 92.

**C. MIFSUD***Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati***C. MIFSUD***Clerk to the House of Representatives*

## ABBOZZ TA' LIĠI

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*ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att dwar il-Professjoni Nutarili u l-Arkivji Nutarili, Kap. 92.*

IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità ta' l-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej:—

Titolu fil-qosor  
u bidu fis-sehh.

1. (1) Dan l-Att jista' jissejjaħ l-Att ta' l-1979 li jemenda l-Att dwar il-Professjoni Nutarili u l-Arkivji Nutarili, u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem haġa waħda ma' l-Att dwar il-Professjoni Nutarili u l-Arkivji Nutarili, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjaħ "l-Att prinċipali".

(2) Dan l-Att għandu jkollu effett mill-1 ta' Jannar, 1980.

Emenda ta'  
l-artikolu 4  
ta' l-Att  
prinċipali.

2. Minnufih wara l-paragrafu (b) ta' l-artikolu 4 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jżdied il-paragrafu ġdid li ġej:

"(c) l-ismijiet tal-Viżitaturi maħtura taħt l-artikolu 111 li jkunu fil-kariga fid-data tan-notifikazzjoni."

Emenda ta'  
l-artikolu 7  
ta' l-Att  
prinċipali.

3. Fis-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 7 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem "In-nutar li miegħu l-kandidat ikun għamel il-prattika" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "In-nutar li fl-uffiċċju tiegħu il-kandidat ikun isso-disfa l-ħtiġiet tal-paragrafu (e) ta' l-artikolu 6 ta' dan l-Att".

Emenda ta'  
l-artikolu 10  
ta' l-Att  
prinċipali.

4. Il-paragrafu (b) ta' l-artikolu 10 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jkollu effett u għandu jitqies li dejjem kellu effett kif ġej:

"(b) jikteb f'registru miżmum għaldaqshekk fl-Uffiċċju ta' l-Avukat Ġenerali l-firma tiegħu kif iktar 'il quddiem ikun se jużaha biex jiffirma l-attijiet;"

Emenda ta'  
l-artikolu 19  
ta' l-Att  
prinċipali.

5. Fl-artikolu 19 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem "taħtar, bħala konservaturi, fuq rikors tal-pussessuri legittimi, dawk il-persuni li jiġu msemmija minn dawk il-pussessuri u li jkunu ddikjaraw li jaċċettaw" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "taħtar, bħala konservaturi, fuq rikors

tal-pussessuri legittimi jew ta' l-Avukat Ġenerali *ex officio*, dak in-nutar li jiġi msemmi minn dawk il-pussessuri jew mill-Avukat Ġenerali u li jkun iddikjara li jaċċetta”.

6. L-artikolu 25 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:  
(a) minflok is-subartikolu (1) tiegħu għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 25 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

“(1) In-nutar ma jista' jirċievi ebda att nutarili jekk mhux quddiem il-partijiet.”; u

- (b) minflok is-subartikolu (2) tiegħu għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

“(2) Il-preżenza ta' żewġ xhieda ma tkunx meħtieġa hlief fil-każijiet li ġejjin:

- (a) kull meta l-partijiet hekk jitolbu;
- (b) kull meta xi waħda mill-partijiet ma tkunx taf jew ma tkunx tista' tiffirma isimha;
- (c) fil-każ ta' testmenti pubbliċi.”.

7. Minflok l-artikolu 26 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

Sostituzzjoni ta' l-artikolu 26 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

“26. In-nutar għandu jiżgura ruħu personalment mill-identità tal-partijiet, jew meta dawk il-partijiet ma jidhrux personalment, mill-identità tal-mandatarju tagħhom. Din l-identità għandha tiġi żgurata bil-produzzjoni tal-karta ta' identità uffiċjali, tal-passaport jew ta' xi dokument uffiċjali ieħor, jew meta dokument bhal dan ma jistax jiġi prodott, bix-xhieda ta' żewġ *fidem facientes* magħrufa personalment min-Nutar, u dawn jistgħu wkoll ikunu x-xhieda ta' l-att.”.

8. L-artikolu 28 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:  
(a) minflok il-paragrafu (d) tas-subartikolu (1) tiegħu għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 28 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

“(d) in-numru (li jista' jinkiteb bil-figuri biss) tad-dokument uffiċjali prodott sabiex tiġi żgurata l-identità tal-partijiet jew dikjarazzjoni li n-nutar żgura ruħu minn dik l-identità bil-mezz ta' *fidem facientes*.”.

(b) fis-sub-paragrafu (ii) tal-paragrafu (f) tas-subartikolu (1) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “b'mod li l-identità tkun ċerta” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “kif ukoll pjanta dettaljata tal-proprjetà, flimkien ma' *survey sheet* uffiċjali li turi l-qagħda ta' l-imsemmija proprjetà b'mod li tkun stabbilita l-identità tagħha:

Iżda meta l-istess pjanta li tkun meħtieġa li tiġi annessa tkun diġà annessa ma' att pubbliku ieħor, riferenza għalihom tkun biżżejjed”;

(c) fil-paragrafu (g) tas-subartikolu (1) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “fi żmien il-jumejn tax-xogħol li jiġu sewwa sew wara dak in-nhar li fih l-att ikun ingħalaq bil-firma tan-nutar li rċevih” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “fiż-żmien preskritt bl-imsemmi artikolu 8”;

(d) fil-paragrafu (k) tas-subartikolu (1) tiegħu —

(i) minflok il-kliem “fil-postilli tal-ġenb u fid-dokumenti mdaħħlin ma' l-att” fis-sub-paragrafu (i) għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “fid-dokumenti mdaħħla ma' l-att u fil-lista”;

(ii) fit-tarf tas-sub-paragrafu (ii) għandhom jizdiedu l-kliem “u n-Nutara fis-servizz tal-Gvern għandhom ukoll jid-dikjaraw dik il-kariga,”; u

(iii) fis-sub-paragrafu (iii), minflok il-kliem “mita n-numru tad-dokumenti mdaħħlin fl-att ikun iżjed minn ħamsa” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “meta iktar minn dokument wiehed ikun imdaħħal fl-att”;

(e) fil-paragrafu (1) tas-subartikolu (1) tiegħu, il-kliem “jekk ma jkun hemm ebda postilla ffirmata regularment” għandhom jithassru; u

(f) fis-subartikolu (2) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “fil-postilli, fil-folji tan-nofs” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “fil-folji tan-nofs”.

Emenda ta'  
l-artikolu 39  
ta' l-Att  
prinċipali.

9. L-artikolu 30 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) fis-subartikolu (1) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “b'linka li ma tmurx, b'karattru ċar u li jinqara faċilment” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “dattilografati jew stampati b'karattri skuri, li jidhru sewwa, li jinqraw faċilment u li ma jmorrux”;

(b) fit-tarf tas-subartikolu (1) tiegħu għandu jizdied il-paragrafu li ġej:

“Kull att oriġinali għandu jkollu żewġ margini, wiehed fuq in-naħa tal-lemin u l-ieħor fuq in-naħa tax-xellug. L-anno-tazzjonijiet u l-firem kollha rikjesti mil-ligi li jkunu magħmula fil-margini għandhom jiġu magħmula fuq dik in-naħa li taħbat in-naħa ta' barra.”;

(ċ) minflok is-subartikoli (2) u (3) tiegħu għandhom jidhlu s-subartikoli li ġejjin:

“Kif  
għandu  
jsir tibdil  
fl-Att.

(2) Jekk ikun meħtieġ li jitneħħew, jinbidlu jew jizdiedu kliem qabel ma' l-att jiġi ffirmat mill-partijiet, mill-*fidem facientes*, mill-interpretu u mix-xhieda, in-nutar għandu jagħmel dik it-tneħħija, dak it-tibdil jew dik iż-żieda billi jagħmel marka bin-numru fil-post fejn dik it-tneħħija, dak it-tibdil jew dik iż-żieda tkun se ssir u nota fl-aħħar ta' l-att, iżda qabel il-firem ta' l-aħħar, hekk enumerata li tkun tikkorrispondi għall-marka relattiva; u f'kull każ bħal dan, in-nutar għandu jhassar il-kliem li għandhom jitneħħew jew jinbidlu, b'mod li jkunu jistgħu dejjem jinqraw, u n-nota fit-tarf ta' l-att għandha ssemmi n-numru tal-kliem hekk imħassra jew, skond il-każ, li kliem oħra ġew mibdula minflok dawk imħassra, u jniżżel, sewwa sew wara, il-kliem hekk mibdula.

(3) Fil-każ ta' żieda biss ta' kliem, in-nutar għandu jagħmel marka bin-numru fil-post fejn iż-żieda għandha ssir u nota fl-aħħar ta' l-att, iżda qabel il-firem ta' l-aħħar, enumerata hekk li jikkorrispondi għall-marka relattiva, u li jkun fiha l-kelmiet “kliem miżjuda”, u jniżżel, sewwa sew wara, il-kliem li għandhom jizdiedu.”.

Emenda ta'  
l-artikolu 40  
ta' l-Att  
prinċipali.

10. Fil-proviso għall-paragrafu (d) ta' l-artikolu 40 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem “fil-postilli jew fid-dokumenti mdaħħlin fl-att” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “fid-dokumenti mdaħħlin fl-att jew fil-lista”, u l-kliem “dawk il-postilli li ma jkunux iffirmați jitqiesu bħallikieku ma sarux u” għandhom jithassru.

11. Fis-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 46 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem "In-nutar jista' jagħmel" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "In-nutar għandu jagħmel".
- Emenda ta' l-artikolu 46 ta' l-Att prinċipali.
12. Fis-subartikolu (7) ta' l-artikolu 50 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem "għandhom jinkitbu fuq karta" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "għandhom jiġu dattilografati jew stampati fuq karta".
- Emenda ta' l-artikolu 50 ta' l-Att prinċipali.
13. Fil-proviso għas-subartikolu (7) ta' l-artikolu 53 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem "fi żmien il-jumejn tax-xogħol li jiġu sewwa sew wara dak in-nhar li fih l-att ikun ingħalaq tan-nutar li rċevih" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "fiż-żmien preskritt bl-imsemmi artikolu 8".
- Emenda ta' l-artikolu 53 ta' l-Att prinċipali.
14. L-artikolu 57 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:
- (a) fis-subartikolu (1) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "il-postilli" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "kull tibdil magħmul fih";
- (b) minflok is-subartikolu (2) tiegħu għandu jidhol dan li ġej:
- "(2) In-Nutar għandu jagħmel dikjarazzjoni ffirmata minnu fit-tarf ta' kull volum, li jkun qabbel ir-registru ma' l-attijiet oriġinali relattivi."; u
- (ċ) fis-subartikolu (4) tiegħu —
- (i) il-kliem "u m'hux b'postilli" għandhom jithassru; u
- (ii) minflok il-proviso li hemm għalih għandu jidhol dan li ġej:
- "Izda ebda volum wieħed ma għandu jkun parti mik-tub bl-idejn u parti dattilografat jew stampat, hliet li meta xi parti mill-oriġinal, jew xi dokumenti mdaħħlin fih, ikunu stampati, *facsimile* tagħhom jistgħu jintużaw għar-registrazzjoni tagħhom."
- Emenda ta' l-artikolu 57 ta' l-Att prinċipali.
15. Fil-paragrafu (g) ta' l-artikolu 66 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem "Il-Kullejter tat-Taxxi u tal-Lottu, għall-finijiet tal-likwidazzjoni tat-taxxa taht id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-Ordinanza dwar it-Taxxi fuq is-Suċċessjoni u d-Donazzjoni (Kapitlu 70)" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Il-Kummissarju tat-Taxxi Nterni, għall-finijiet tal-likwidazzjoni tat-taxxa taht id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-Att ta' l-1973 dwar it-Taxxa tal-Mewt u tad-Donazzjoni, jew xi liġi oħra li tissostitwiha".
- Emenda ta' l-artikolu 66 ta' l-Att prinċipali.
16. Fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 100 ta' l-Att prinċipali, il-kliem "u li tagħhom huwa n-nutar konservatur" għandhom jithassru.
- Emenda ta' l-artikolu 100 ta' l-Att prinċipali.
17. L-artikolu 101 ta' l-Att prinċipali hu b'dan imħassar.
- Thassir ta' l-artikolu 101 ta' l-Att prinċipali.
18. Fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 103 ta' l-Att prinċipali, il-kliem "li tagħhom ma jkunx il-Konservatur l-Arkivist" għandhom jithassru.
- Emenda ta' l-artikolu 103 ta' l-Att prinċipali.
19. Fl-artikolu 111 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok is-subartikoli (2) u (3) tiegħu għandu jidhol dan li ġej:
- "(2) Il-Qorti tkun magħmula minn dawk il-membri, imsejja Viżitaturi, li l-Ministru responsabbli għall-Gustizzja jista' jaħtar,
- Emenda ta' l-artikolu 111 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

għal dak il-perijodu li jiġi speċifikat fil-hatra tagħhom, minn fost l-Imħallfin tal-Qrati Superjuri, il-Maġistrati tal-Pulizija Gudizzjarja, u membri tal-professjoni legali li jkunu haddmu bhala avukati f'Malta għal mhux anqas minn seba' snin.

(3) Il-Qorti għandha f'kull żmien tkun kostitwita kif imiss meta tliet Viżitaturi jew iżjed, li mill-inqas wieħed minnhom ikun Imħallef jew Maġistrat u li għandu jippresjedi, ikunu qed jiltaqgħu flimkien.”.

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### Ghanijiet u Ragunijiet

L-Għan ewlieni ta' l-Abbozz huwa li jagġorna l-ligi dwar il-Professjoni Nutarili u l-Arkivji Nutarili f'diversi hwejjeġ.

**A BILL**  
**entitled**

*AN ACT further to amend the Notarial Profession and Notarial Archives Act, Cap. 92.*

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Notarial Profession and Notarial Archives (Amendment) Act, 1979, and shall be read and construed as one with the Notarial Profession and Notarial Archives Act, hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”.

Short title and commencement.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 1980.

2. Immediately after paragraph (b) of section 4 of the principal Act there shall be added the following new paragraph:

Amendment of section 4 of the principal Act.

“(c) the names of the Visitors appointed under section 111 who are in office on the date of the notice.”.

3. In subsection (2) of section 7 of the principal Act, for the words “The notary with whom the candidate shall have served his apprenticeship” there shall be substituted the words “The notary at whose office the candidate satisfied the requirements of paragraph (e) of section 6 of this Act”.

Amendment of section 7 of the principal Act.

4. Paragraph (b) of section 10 of the principal Act shall have effect and shall be deemed to have always had effect as follows:

Amendment of section 10 of the principal Act.

“(b) write in a book kept for the purpose in the office of the Attorney General his specimen signature as he is thereafter to use it in signing deeds;”.

Amendment of section 19 of the principal Act.

5. In section 19 of the principal Act for the words "shall on the application of lawful owners appoint as keepers thereof, such persons as are named by such owners and have declared their willingness to accept" there shall be substituted the words "lawful owners or of the Attorney General *ex officio* appoint as keepers thereof such notary as is named by such owners or by the Attorney General and who has declared his willingness to accept".

Amendment of section 25 of the principal Act.

6. Section 25 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:  
(a) for subsection (1) thereof there shall be substituted the following:

"(1) The notary shall not receive any notarial acts except in the presence of the parties."; and

(b) for subsection (2) thereof there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) The presence of two witnesses shall not be required except in the following cases:

- (a) whenever any of the parties so request;
- (b) whenever any of the parties does not know how or is unable to sign his name;
- (c) in the case of public wills."

Substitution of section 26 of the principal Act.

7. For section 26 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

"26. The Notary must personally be certain of the identity of the parties, or where such parties do not appear personally, of the identity of their agent. Such identity shall be ascertained by the production of the official identity card, passport or other similar official document, or where such document cannot be produced on testimony of two attestors personally known to the Notary, who may also be the witnesses appearing on the deed."

Amendment of section 28 of the principal Act.

8. Section 28 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:  
(a) for paragraph (d) of subsection (1) thereof there shall be substituted the following:

"(d) the number (which may be written in figures only) of the official document produced for ascertaining the identity of the parties or a declaration that the notary has ascertained such identity by means of attestors.";

(b) in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (f) of subsection (1) thereof, for the words "in a manner as to establish its identity" there shall be substituted the words "as well as a detailed plan of the property, together with an official survey sheet showing the juxtaposition of the said property in a manner as to establish its identity:

Provided that where the same plan required to be so annexed is already annexed to another public deed, a reference thereto shall suffice".

(c) in paragraph (g) of subsection (1) thereof for the words "within the two working days immediately following that on which the act is completed by the signature of the notary by whom it is received" there shall be substituted the words "within the time prescribed by the said section 8";

(d) in paragraph (k) of subsection (1) thereof —

(i) for the words “in the marginal notes and in the annexes” in sub-paragraph (i) there shall be substituted the words “in the annexes and in the list”;

(ii) at the end of sub-paragraph (ii) there shall be added the words “and Notaries Public in Government employment shall also declare such capacity.”; and

(iii) in sub-paragraph (iii) for the words “when the documents annexed to the act exceed five in number” there shall be substituted the words “when more than one document is annexed to the act”;

(e) in paragraph (l) of subsection (1) thereof the words “if there is no marginal note duly signed” shall be deleted; and

(f) in subsection (2) thereof, for the words “in the marginal notes, intermediate sheets” there shall be substituted the words “in the intermediate sheets”.

9. Section 30 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

Amendment of  
section 30 of  
the principal  
Act.

(a) in subsection (1) thereof for the words “in indelible ink, in clear and easily legible characters” there shall be substituted the words “typewritten or printed in dark, clear, easily legible and indelible characters”;

(b) at the end of subsection (1) thereof there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

“Every original act shall have two margins, one on the right-hand side and the other on the left-hand side. All annotations and signatures as are required by law to be made in the margin shall be made in whichever of the said sides is the outer side.”;

(c) for subsections (2) and (3) thereof there shall be substituted the following subsections:

“How  
alterations  
in the Act  
are to be  
made.

(2) Where it is necessary to remove, vary or add any words before the act is signed by the parties, the attestors, interpreter and witnesses, the notary shall make such removal, variation or addition by means of a numbered mark in the place where such removal, variation or addition is to be made and a note at the end of the act, but before the final signatures, numbered so as to correspond to the relative mark; and in any such case, the notary shall cancel the words which it is desired to remove or vary, in such manner as to leave the words cancelled still legible, and the note at the end of the act shall state the number of words so cancelled or, as the case may be, that other words are substituted for those cancelled, and containing immediately after, the words so substituted.

(3) In the case of a mere addition of words, the notary shall make a numbered mark in the place where the addition is to be made and a note at the end of the act, but before the final signatures, numbered so as to correspond to the relative mark, and containing the expression “words added” and, immediately after, the words to be added.”.

Amendment of section 40 of the principal Act.

**10.** In the proviso to paragraph (d) of section 40 of the principal Act for the words "in any marginal note or in any of the annexes" there shall be substituted the words "in the annexe or list", and the words "such unsigned marginal note shall be considered as if it had not been made and" shall be deleted.

Amendment of section 46 of the principal Act.

**11.** In subsection (2) of section 46 of the principal Act, for the words "The notary may make" there shall be substituted the words "The notary shall make".

Amendment of section 50 of the principal Act.

**12.** For subsection (7) of section 50 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

"(7) The provisions of section 30 shall apply to the drawing up of the said notes, as well as to the drawing up of notes of hypothecation and of all other notes filed in the Public Registry:

Provided that any such note shall be either typewritten or printed on paper of the size used for the same in the Public Registry and shall not contain any figures or numbers which have not, at least in the first instance, been written out in words."

Amendment of section 53 of the principal Act.

**13.** In the proviso to subsection (7) of section 53 of the principal Act, for the words "within the two working days immediately following that on which the act is completed by the signature of the notary who received it" there shall be substituted the words "within the time prescribed by the said section 8".

Amendment of section 57 of the principal Act.

**14.** Section 57 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (1) thereof, for the words "the marginal notes" there shall be substituted the words "any variation made therein";

(b) for subsection (2) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) The notary shall make a signed declaration at the end of each volume, that he has collated the register with the relative original acts."; and

(c) in subsection (4) thereof —

(i) the words "and not by means of a marginal note" shall be deleted; and

(ii) for the proviso thereto there shall be substituted the following:

"Provided that no single volume shall be partly handwritten and partly typewritten or printed, except that where any part of the original, or any annexe attached thereto, is printed, a facsimile of the same may be used in the registration thereof."

Amendment of section 66 of the principal Act.

**15.** In paragraph (g) of section 66 of the principal Act, for the words "The Collector of Imposts and Lotto shall, for the purpose of assessing duties under the provisions of the Succession and Donation Duties Ordinance (Chapter 70)" there shall be substituted the words "The Commissioner of Inland Revenue shall, for the purpose of assessing duties under the provisions of the Death and Donation Duties Act, 1973, or any other law substituting it,".

16. In subsection (1) of section 100 of the principal Act, the words "and of which he is the keeper" shall be deleted.

Amendment of section 100 of the principal Act.

17. Section 101 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Repeal of section 101 of the principal Act.

18. In subsection (1) of section 103 of the principal Act, the words "whereof the Archivist is not the keeper" shall be deleted.

Amendment of section 103 of the principal Act.

19. In section 111 of the principal Act, for subsections (2) and (3) thereof there shall be substituted the following:

Amendment of section 111 of the principal Act.

"(2) The Court shall consist of such members, called Visitors, as the Minister responsible for Justice may appoint for such period as may be specified in their appointment, from among the Judges of the Superior Courts, the Magistrates of Judicial Police and the members of the legal profession who have practised as advocates in Malta for not less than seven years.

(3) The Court shall at all times be duly constituted when three or more Visitors, of whom one at least shall be a Judge or a Magistrate and who shall preside, are sitting together."

### Objects and Reasons

The main Object of the Bill is to up-date the law governing the Notarial Profession and the Notarial Archives in several respects.