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KAMRA TAD-DEPUTATI

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ABBOZZ ta' Ligi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Jonathan Attard, M.P., Ministru għall-Infrastruttura, l-Ippjanar u x-Xogħol, f'isem il-Ministru għall-Finanzi, u moqri għall-Ewwel darba fis-Seduta tal-5 ta' Ottubru 2026.

A BILL introduced by the Honourable Jonathan Attard, M.P., Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Employment, on behalf of the Minister for Finance, and read the First time at the Sitting of the 5th October 2026.

ATT sabiex jemenda l-Att dwar Istituzzjonijiet Finanzjarji, Kap. 376.

ANACT to amend the Financial Institutions Act, Cap. 376.

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Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati

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ABBOZZ TA' LIĠI msejjah

*ATT sabiex jemenda l-Att dwar Istituzzjonijiet Finanzjarji,
Kap. 376.*

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

1. (1) It-titolu fil-qosor ta' dan l-Att huwa l-Att tal-2026 li jemenda l-Att dwar Istituzzjonijiet Finanzjarji, u dan l-Att għandu jinqara u jinftiehem haġa waħda mal-Att dwar Istituzzjonijiet Finanzjarji, hawnhekk aktar 'il quddiem imsejjah l-"Att prinċipali".

Titolu fil-qosor
u bidu fis-sehħ.

Kap. 376.

(2) Dan l-Att għandu jidhol fis-sehħ f'dik id-data jew dati li l-Ministru responsabbli għar-regolamentazzjoni tas-servizzi finanzjarji jista', b'avviż fil-Gazzetta, jistabbilixxi u jistgħu jiġu hekk stabbiliti dati differenti għal dispożizzjonijiet u, jew għanijiet differenti ta' dan l-Att.

2. Is-subartikolu (1) tal-artikolu 2 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

Emenda tal
artikolu 2 tal-
Att prinċipali.

(a) minnufih wara t-tifsira "licenza" għandha tiġi miżjuda t-tifsira ġdida li ġejja:

" "Lista ta' Kumpaniji ta' Self Finanzjarju ta' Ingenji tal-Ajru" għandha tinftiehem bħala l-lista ta' kumpaniji ta' self finanzjarju ta' ingeni tal-ajru li tinzamm mill-awtorità kompetenti fuq is-sit elettroniku tagħha skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tar-Regolamenti dwar Financial Institutions Act (Notified Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies) Regulations."

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(b) fit-tifsira "Regola dwar Istituzzjonijiet Finanzjarji" l-kliem "Regola" għandha tinftiehem f'dan is-sens;" għandhom jiġu sostitwiti bil-kliem "Regola, kemm-il darba r-rabta tal-kliem ma teħtieġx xort' oħra, għandha tinftiehem f'dan is-sens;"

(ċ) minnufih wara t-tifsira "Regola dwar Istituzzjonijiet Finanzjarji", kif emendata, għandha tiġi miżjudha t-tifsira ġdida li ġejja:

L.S. 376.____. " "Regoli dwar Self Finanzjarju ta' Ingenji tal-Ajru" t'fisser Regoli għal kumpaniji notifikati dwar self finanzjarju ta' ingeni tal-ajru li huma debitament ammessi mill-awtorità kompetenti fil-Lista ta' Kumpaniji ta' Self Finanzjarju ta' Ingenji tal-Ajru skont ir-Regolamenti dwar Financial Institutions Act (Notified Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies) Regulations, u għal fornituri ta' servizz ta' diligenza dovuta, maħruġa mill-awtorità kompetenti skont l-artikoli 12(3) u, jew 13(4A);".

Żieda ta' artikolu ġdid fl-Att prinċipali.

3. Minnufih wara l-artikolu 3A tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi miżjud l-artikolu ġdid li ġej:

"Eżenzjoni għal kumpaniji ta' self finanzjarju ta' ingeni tal-ajru. L.S. 376.____. 3B. Minkejja d-dispożizzjonijiet tal-artikoli 3 u 3A, kumpanija li tkun giet debitament ammessha mill-awtorità kompetenti fil-Lista ta' Kumpaniji ta' Self Finanzjarju ta' Ingenji tal-Ajru skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tar-Regolamenti dwar Financial Institutions Act (Notified Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies) Regulations, ma għandhiex teħtieġ liċenzja mill-awtorità kompetenti għall-finijiet ta' dan l-Att."

Emenda tal-artikolu 12 tal-Att prinċipali.

4. L-artikolu 12 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) is-subartikolu (1) tiegħu għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(i) fil-paragrafu (j) tiegħu l-kliem "jew Regoli maħruġa tahtu." għandhom jiġu sostitwiti bil-kliem "jew kwalunkwe Regoli maħruġa tahtu; u";

(ii) minnufih wara l-paragrafu (j) tiegħu, kif

emendat, għandu jiġi miżjud il-paragrafu ġdid li ġej:

Kap. 503.

"(k) jistabbilixxi qafas ta' notifikati għal kumpaniji stabbiliti u li joperaw f'Malta li jwettqu l-attività ta' self finanzjarju, f'Malta jew minn Malta, ta' magni ta' inġenji tal-ajru u, jew ta' inġenji tal-ajru reġistrati jew li għandhom jiġu reġistrati fir-Reġistru Malti tal-Inġenji tal-Ajru kif imfisser fl-Att dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni ta' Inġenji tal-Ajru jew reġistrati f'xi ġurisdizzjoni oħra tkun li tkun.";

(b) fis-subartikolu (3) tiegħu l-kliem "kwalunkwe Regola dwar Istituzzjonijiet Finanzjarji" għandhom jiġu sostitwiti bil-kliem "kwalunkwe Regola dwar Istituzzjonijiet Finanzjari, Regola dwar Self Finanzjarju ta' Inġenji tal-Ajru, Regola tal-Kondotta tal-Operat u, jew Regola dwar Intermedjarju tal-Kreditu".

5. Minnufih wara s-subartikolu (4) tal-artikolu 13 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi miżjud is-subartikolu ġdid li ġej:

Emenda tal-artikolu 13 tal-Att prinċipali.

L.S. 376.____

"(4A) L-awtorità kompetenti tista' wkoll toħroġ, temenda jew tirrevoka Regoli dwar Self Finanzjarju ta' Inġenji tal-Ajru għal kumpaniji li jkunu ġew ammessi mill-istess awtorità kompetenti fil-Lista ta' Kumpaniji ta' Self Finanzjarju ta' Inġenji tal-Ajru skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tar-Regolamenti dwar Financial Institutions Act (Notified Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies) Regulations.".

6. Fl-Att prinċipali l-kliem "liċenza" u "liċenzi", kull fejn jokkorru, għandhom jiġu sostitwiti bil-kliem "liċenzja" u "liċenzji" rispettivament.

Emenda ġenerali għall-Att prinċipali.

Għanijiet u Raġunijiet

L-għanijiet u raġunijiet ta' dan l-Abbozz ta' Liġi huma sabiex jemendaw l-Att dwar Istituzzjonijiet Finanzjarji (Kap. 376) bl-introduzzjoni ta' eżenzjoni addizzjonali mil-liċenzjar għal kumpaniji li jwettqu s-self finanzjarju ta' inġenji tal-ajru u, jew għal magni ta' inġenji tal-ajru; sabiex jistabbilixxi dispożizzjonijiet li jagħtu s-setgħa lill-Ministru sabiex jagħmel regolamenti biex jirregolaw tali kumpaniji *inter alia* bl-introduzzjoni ta' qafas ta' notifikati; u sabiex jagħti s-setgħa lill-awtorità kompetenti li toħroġ Regoli għar-regolamentazzjoni ta' tali kumpaniji.

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A BILL
entitled

AN ACT to amend the Financial Institutions Act, Cap. 376.

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:-

Short title and
commencement.

1. (1) The short title of this Act is the Financial Institutions (Amendment) Act, 2026 and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Financial Institutions Act, hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act".

(2) This Act shall come into force on such date or dates as the Minister responsible for the regulation of financial services may by notice in the Gazette establish, and different dates may be so established for different provisions and, or purposes of this Act.

Amendment of
article 2 of the
principal Act.

2. Sub-article (1) of article 2 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately after the definition "agent" there shall be added the following new definition:

S.L. 376.____.

" "Aircraft Financial Leasing Rules" means Rules for notified aircraft financial leasing companies duly admitted by the competent authority to the List of Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies in accordance with the Financial Institutions Act (Notified Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies) Regulations, and for related due diligence service providers, issued by the competent authority in accordance with articles 12(3) and, or 13(4A);";

(b) in the definition "Financial Institutions Rules" the words "and "Rule" shall be read accordingly;" shall be substituted by the words "and "Rules", unless the context otherwise requires, shall be read accordingly;"

(c) immediately after the definition "licence" there shall be added the following new definition:

S.L. 376.____.

" "List of Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies" shall be construed as the list of aircraft financial leasing companies which is held by the competent authority on its website in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Institutions Act (Notified Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies) Regulations.".

3. Immediately after article 3A of the principal Act there shall be added the following new article:

Addition of a new article to the principal Act.

"Exemption for aircraft financial leasing companies.

S.L. 376.____.

3B. Notwithstanding the provisions of articles 3 and 3A, a company that has been duly admitted by the competent authority to the List of Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies in accordance with the Financial Institutions Act (Notified Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies) Regulations, shall not require a licence from the competent authority for the purposes of this Act.".

4. Article 12 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

Amendment of article 12 of the principal Act.

(a) sub-article (1) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) in paragraph (j) thereof the words "or Rules issued thereunder." shall be substituted by the words "or any Rules issued thereunder; and";

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(ii) immediately after paragraph (j) thereof, as amended, there shall be added the following new paragraph:

Cap. 503. "(k) establish a notification framework for companies established and operating in Malta carrying out the activity of financial leasing, in or from Malta, of aircraft engines and, or of aircraft registered or to be registered in the Malta Aircraft Register as defined in the Aircraft Registration Act or registered in any other jurisdiction whatsoever.";

(b) in sub-article (3) thereof the words "any Financial Institutions Rule" shall be substituted by the words "any Financial Institutions Rule, Aircraft Financial Leasing Rule, Conduct of Business Rule and, or Credit Intermediaries Rule".

Amendment of article 13 of the principal Act.

5. Immediately after sub-article (4) of article 13 of the principal Act there shall be added the following new sub-article:

S.L. 376.____. "(4A) The competent authority may also issue, amend or revoke Aircraft Financial Leasing Rules for companies that have been admitted by the said competent authority to the List of Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Institutions Act (Notified Aircraft Financial Leasing Companies) Regulations.".

General amendment to the principal regulations.

6. In the Maltese version only of the principal Act, the words "liċenza" and "liċenzi", wherever they occur, shall be substituted by the words "liċenzja" and "liċenzji" respectively.

Objects and Reasons

The objects and reasons of this Bill are to amend the Financial Institutions Act (Cap. 376) by the introduction of an additional exemption from licensing for companies carrying out financial leasing of aircraft and, or aircraft engines; to establish empowering provisions to enable the Minister to make regulations to regulate such companies *inter alia* by introducing a notification framework; and to empower the competent authority to issue Rules for the regulation of such companies.