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KAMRA TAD-DEPUTATI

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ABBOZZ ta' Ligi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Owen Bonnici, M.P., Ministru għall-Ġustizzja, Kultura u Gvern Lokali, u moqri għall-Ewwel darba fis-Seduta tal-1 ta' Marzu, 2017.

A BILL introduced by the Honourable Owen Bonnici, M.P., Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government, and read the First time at the Sitting of the 1st March, 2017.

**ATT biex jemenda l-Att dwar iċ-
Ċittadinanza Maltija, Kap. 188.**

**ANACT to amend the Maltese Citizenship
Act, Cap. 188.**

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Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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ATT biex jemenda l-Att dwar iċ-Ċittadinanza Maltija, Kap. 188.

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

1. It-titolu fil-qosor ta' dan l-Att huwa l-Att tal-2017 li jemenda l-Att dwar iċ-Ċittadinanza Maltija, u dan l-Att għandu jinqara u jinftiehem haġa waħda mal-Att dwar iċ-Ċittadinanza Maltija, hawnhekk izjed 'il quddiem imsejjah "l-Att prinċipali".

Titolu fil-qosor.

Kap. 188.

2. Is-subartikolu (9) tal-artikolu 10 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

Emenda tal-artikolu 10 tal-Att prinċipali.

(a) fil-paragrafu (b) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "taht dan l-Att:" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "taht dan l-Att;"; u

(b) minnufih wara l-paragrafu (b) tiegħu, kif emendat, għandu jizdied l-paragrafu ġdid li ġej:

"(ċ) lil frustier li jkun wettaq servizzi eċċezzjonali għar-Repubblika ta' Malta jew lill-umanità, jew li n-naturalizzazzjoni tiegħu hi ta' interess eċċezzjonali għar-Repubblika ta' Malta, u li jissodisfa l-htigiet preskritti taht dan l-Att. Għall-finijiet ta' dan il-paragrafu "eċċezzjonali" tfisser eċċellenti b'mod mhux normali u, jew superjuri fuq livell lokali, u tirreferi primarjament għal kontribuzzjonijiet magħmula minn xjenzjati, riċerkaturi, atleti, persuni fl-isports, artisti u persuni fil-qasam tal-kultura:".

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Emenda tal-
artikolu 24 tal-
Att prinċipali.

3. Is-subartikolu (1) tal-artikolu 24 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) fil-paragrafu (i) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "kif jista' jkun preskritt." għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "kif jista' jkun preskritt"; u

(b) minnufih wara l-paragrafu (i) tiegħu, kif emendat, għandu jżidded il-paragrafu ġdid li ġej.

"(j) sabiex jiġu preskritti l-htigiet għal, u l-amministrazzjoni ta', l-għoti ta' ċittadinanza taht l-artikolu 10(9)(ċ) u għall-għoti ta' ċertifikat ta' naturalizzazzjoni bħala ċittadin ta' Malta lil applikant li jissodisfa dawk il-htigiet li jistgħu jiġu preskritti."

Għanijiet u Raġunijiet

L-għanijiet u r-raġunijiet ta' dan l-Abbozz ta' Liġi huma sabiex ikun jista' jsir l-għoti ta' ċittadinanza Maltija lil persuni li jkunu taw servizz eċċezzjonali lir-Repubblika ta' Malta jew lill-umanità jew li n-naturalizzazzjoni tagħhom hi ta' interess eċċezzjonali għar-Repubblika ta' Malta, soġġett għal dawk il-htigiet li jistgħu jiġu preskritti.

**A BILL
entitled**

AN ACT to amend the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188.

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. The short title of this Act is the Maltese Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2017, and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Maltese Citizenship Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Short title.

Cap. 188.

2. Sub-article (9) of the article 10 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

Amendment of article 10 of the principal Act.

(a) in paragraph (b) thereof, for the words "under this Act:" there shall be substituted the words "under this Act;"; and

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

"(c) to an alien who has rendered exceptional services to the Republic of Malta or to humanity, or whose naturalisation is of exceptional interest to the Republic of Malta, and who satisfies the requirements prescribed under this Act. For the purposes of this paragraph "exceptional" means unusually excellent and, or superior at a local level and refers primarily to contributions by scientists, researchers, athletes, sports people, artists and cultural performers:".

3. Sub-article (1) of article 24 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

Amendment of article 24 of the principal Act.

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(a) in paragraph (i) thereof, for the words "as may be prescribed." there shall be substituted the words "as may be prescribed;"; and

(b) immediately after paragraph (i) thereof, as amended, there shall be added the following new paragraph.

"(j) for prescribing the requirements for and administration of the grant of citizenship under article 10(9)(c) and for the granting of a certificate of naturalisation as a citizen of Malta to an applicant meeting such requirements as may be prescribed."

Objects and Reasons

The objects and reasons of this Bill are to enable the grant of Maltese citizenship to persons who have rendered an exceptional service to the Republic of Malta or to humanity or whose naturalisation is of exceptional interest to the Republic of Malta, subject to such requirements as may be prescribed.

