

Naghti l-kunsens tieghi.

(L.S.)

EDWARD FENECH ADAMI  
President

25 ta' Lulju, 2008

### **ATT Nru. VI ta' l-2008**

*ATT biex jemenda l-Att dwar Ġieħ ir-Repubblika, Kap. 251*

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:-

**1.** It-titolu ta' dan l-Att hu Att ta' l-2008 li jemenda l-Att dwar Ġieħ ir-Repubblika, u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem haġa waħda ma' l-Att dwar Ġieħ ir-Repubblika, hawn iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjah "l-Att prinċipali".

Titolu.

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**2.** Is-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 8 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jġi emendat kif ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 8 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

(a) fil-paragrafu (b) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "mhux iktar minn tnax-il persuna" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "mhux iktar minn hmistax-il persuna";

(b) fil-paragrafu (ċ) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "mhux iktar minn għoxrin persuna" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "mhux iktar minn hamsa u għoxrin persuna"; u

(ċ) fil-paragrafu (d) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "mhux iktar minn mitt persuna" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "mhux iktar minn mija u hamsa u għoxrin persuna".

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 12 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

**3.** Fis-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 12 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem “minn mija” kull fejn dawn jinsabu ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “minn mija hamsa u ghoxrin”.

Żjieda ta' l-artikolu 14A ġdid ma' l-Att prinċipali.

**4.** Minnufih wara l-artikolu 14 ta' l-Att prinċipali, ghandu jizjed dan l-artikolu ġdid li ġej:

“Kundizzjonijiet li ghandhom x'jaqsmu ma' l-ghotjiet. 14A. (1) Minghajr preġudizzju ghad-disposizzjonijiet ta' l-artikolu 14, il-President jista', f'ċirkostanzi speċjali, jaghti l-*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika* lil grupp ta' persuni jew lil xi organizzazzjoni volontarja li tkun debitament iskritta mal-Kummissarju skond l-Att dwar l-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji.

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(2) Meta l-*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika* tinghata lil xi grupp jew organizzazzjoni, il-Kumitat ghandu, skond is-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 18 ta' dan l-Att, jindika l-persuna li tkun tappartjeni lill-grupp jew organizzazzjoni li jkollha jedd iġġib l-ittri M.Q.R. (*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika*) wara isimha kull darba li l-użu ta' dawk l-ittri jkun konswetudinarju u li tilbes il-midalja bhala dekorazzjoni skond ir-regoli maghmulin taht l-Att.

(3) Jekk jiġri li l-persuna indikata skond is-subartikolu (2) ta' dan l-artikolu, ma tibqax tiffirma parti mill-organizzazzjoni, jew il-grupp, il-President jista' fuq parir tal-Prim Ministru u wara li ssir rakkomandazzjoni għaldaqstant mill-Kumitat tan-Nomini, jinnomina persuna ohra li tkun tappartjeni lill-grupp jew lill-organizzazzjoni li jkollha l-jedd iġġib l-ittri M.Q.R. (*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika*) wara isimha kull darba li l-użu ta' dawk l-ittri jkun konswetudinarju u li tilbes il-midalja bhala dekorazzjoni skond ir-regoli maghmulin taht l-Att, u f'dik l-eventwalità dik il-persuna li tkun telqet mill-organizzazzjoni jew grupp ma jkollhiex aktar id-dritt iġġib wara isimha l-ittri M.Q.R. (*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika*), u li tilbes il-midalja bhala dekorazzjoni skond ir-regoli maghmulin taht l-Att. F'dak il-każ min ikun ghandu jregġa' lura l-midalja lis-Segretarju tal-Kabinett.

(4) Jekk jiġri li l-grupp jew l-organizzazzjoni msemmi fis-subartikolu (2) jisfaxxa, il-President jista', fuq parir tal-Prim Ministru u wara li ssir rakkomandazzjoni għaldaqstant mill-Kumitat tan-Nomini, jirtira l-*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika*. F'dak il-każ, il-midalja ghandha titregġa' lura lis-Segretarju tal-Kabinett.

(5) Meta l-*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika* tiġi revokata skond is-subartikolu (4) ta' dan l-artikolu, għandhom japplikaw id-disposizzjonijiet tas-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 23.”.

5. L-artikolu 16 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej: Emenda ta' l-artikolu 16 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

(a) fis-subartikolu (1) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “Midalja għal Servizz Twil u Effiċjenti, hawnhekk iżjed ’il quddiem f’dan l-artikolu msejja l-midalja” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “il-Midalja għal Servizz Distint, u Midalja li tkun maghrufa bhala l-Midalja għal Servizz Twil u Effiċjenti, hawnhekk iżjed ’il quddiem f’dan l-artikolu msejhin il-midalji”; u

(b) fis-subartikolu (4), paragrafu (ċ) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “fil-Korp tal-Habs ta’ Malta” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “fis-Servizzi Korrettivi f’Malta”.

6. Fl-artikolu 17 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem “Nazżjonali jew Midalja għal Servizz Twil u Effiċjenti” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem, “Nazżjonali, Midalja għal Servizz Distint, jew Midalja għal Servizz Twil u Effiċjenti”. Emenda ta' l-artikolu 17 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

7. Fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 18 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minnufih wara l-kliem “iċ-*Chairman* ta’ dan il-Kumitat.” għandhom jiżdiedu l-kliem “Membru wiehed ta’ dan il-Kumitat għandu jinhatar wara li ssir konsultazzjoni mal-Kap ta’ l-Oppożizzjoni.”. Emenda ta' l-artikolu 18 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

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Mghoddi mill-Kamra tad-Deputati fis-Seduta Nru. 33 tal-15 ta’ Lulju, 2008.

LOUIS GALEA  
*Speaker*

PAULINE ABELA  
*Aġent Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati*

I assent.

(L.S.)

EDWARD FENECH ADAMI  
President

25th July, 2008

**ACT No. VI of 2008**

*AN ACT to amend Ġieħ ir-Repubblika Act, Cap. 251*

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:

Title.

**1.** The title of this Act is the Ġieħ ir-Repubblika (Amendment) Act, 2008 and it shall be read and construed as one with the Ġieħ ir-Repubblika Act, hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”.

Cap. 251.

Amendment of  
article 8  
of the principal Act.

**2.** Sub-article (2) of article 8 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (b) thereof, for the words “not more than twelve persons” there shall be substituted the words “not more than fifteen persons”;

(b) in paragraph (c) thereof, for the words “not more than twenty persons” there shall be substituted the words “not more than twenty-five persons”; and

(c) in paragraph (d) thereof, for the words “not more than one hundred persons” there shall be substituted the words “not more than one hundred and twenty-five persons”.

3. In subarticle (2) of article 12 of the principal Act, for the words “one hundred” wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words “one hundred and twenty-five”.

Amendment of article 12 of the principal Act.

4. Immediately after article 14 of the principal Act, there shall be added the following new article:

Addition of new article 14A to the principal Act.

“Conditions relating to awards.

Cap. 492.

14A. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of article 14, the President may, in special circumstances, award the *Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika* to a group of persons or a voluntary organisation which is duly enrolled with the Commissioner in terms of the Voluntary Organisations Act.

(2) Where the *Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika* is awarded to a group or to an organisation, the Committee shall, in terms of subarticle (2) of article 18 of this Act, indicate the person belonging to the group or organisation who shall be entitled to have the letters M.Q.R. (*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika*) placed after his name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary and to wear the medal as a decoration in accordance with the rules made under this Act.

(3) In the eventuality that the person, indicated in subarticle (2) hereof no longer forms part of the organisation, or the group, the President of Malta may, on the advice of the Prime Minister and following a recommendation to that effect by the Nominations Committee, nominate another person that appertains to such organisation or group who shall be entitled to have the M.Q.R. (*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika*) placed after his name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary and to wear the medal as a decoration in accordance with the rules made under this Act and in such eventuality the person that no longer forms part of the organisation or the group will no longer have the right to have the letters M.Q.R. (*Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika*) placed after his name on any occasions when the use of such letters is customary and to wear the medal as a decoration in accordance with the rules made under this Act. In such an eventuality the individual is to return the medal to the Secretary to the Cabinet.

(4) In the eventuality that the organisation, or the group mentioned in subarticle (2) hereof disbands, the President of Malta, on the advice of the Prime Minister and following a recommendation to that effect by the Nominations

Committee, may withdraw the *Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika*. In such eventuality, the individual shall return the medal to the Secretary to the Cabinet.

(5) Where the *Midalja għall-Qadi tar-Repubblika* is revoked in terms of subarticle (4) hereof, the provisions of subarticle (2) of article 23 shall apply.”.

Amendment of  
article 16  
of the principal Act.

5. Article 16 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-article (1) thereof, for the words “Long and Efficient Service Medal, hereinafter in this article called the medal” there shall be substituted the words “the Distinguished Service Medal, and a Medal to be known as the Long and Efficient Service Medal, hereinafter in this article called the medals,”; and

(b) in sub-article (4), paragraph (c) thereof, for the words “the Malta Prison Service” there shall be substituted the words “the Malta Correctional Services”.

Amendment of  
article 17  
of the principal Act.

6. In article 17 of the principal Act, for the words “Medal or a Long and Efficient Service Medal” there shall be substituted the words, “Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, or a Long and Efficient Service Medal”.

Amendment of  
article 18  
of the principal Act.

7. In subarticle (1) of article 18 of the principal Act, immediately after the words “the Chairman of this Committee.” there shall be added the words “One member of this Committee shall be appointed after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition.”.

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Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 33 of 15th July, 2008.

LOUIS GALEA  
*Speaker*

PAULINE ABELA  
*Acting Clerk to the House of Representatives*