

*Suppliment tal-Gazzetta tal-Gvern ta' Malta, Nru. 19,748, 24 ta' Marzu, 2017*

*Taqsim A*

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MALTA

**ATT Nru XII tal-2017**

ATT maħruġ b'liġi mill-Parlament ta' Malta.

**ATT sabiex jemenda l-Att dwar l-Intrapriżi ż-Żgħir, Kap. 512.**

**ACT No. XII of 2017**

AN ACT enacted by the Parliament of Malta.

**AN ACT to amend the Small Business Act, Cap. 512.**



Nagħti l-kunsens tiegħi.

(L.S.)

**MARIE-LOUISE  
COLEIRO PRECA  
President**

24 ta' Marzu, 2017

**ATT Nru XII tal-2017**

*ATT biex jemenda l-Att dwar l-Intrapriżi ż-Żgħar, Kap. 512.*

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

**1.** It-titolu fil-qosor ta' dan l-Att huwa l-Att tal-2017 li jemenda l-Att dwar l-Intrapriżi ż-Żgħar, u dan l-Att għandu jinqara u jinftiehem haġa waħda mal-Att dwar l-Intrapriżi ż-Żgħar, minn hawn 'il quddiem imsejjaħ "l-Att prinċipali".

Titolu fil-qosor.  
Kap. 512.

**2.** Fl-artikolu 2 tal-Att prinċipali, it-tifsira "entitajiet pubbliċi li joffru servizz lin-negozju" għandha tiġi sostitwita bit-tifsira li ġejja:

Emenda tal-artikolu 2 tal-Att prinċipali.

"entitajiet pubbliċi li joffru servizz lin-negozji" tfisser l-Awtorità responsabbli għall-Ippjanar, l-Awtorità responsabbli għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi, Jobsplus, id-Dipartiment tat-Taxxi Interni, id-Dipartiment tat-Taxxa fuq il-Valur Mizjud, id-Dipartiment responsabbli għall-Kummerċ, l-Intrapriża ta' Malta, ir-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Energija u l-Ilma, l-Awtorità dwar il-Mediċini, l-Awtorità ta' Malta għall-

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Kompetizzjoni u għall-Affarijiet tal-Konsumatur, l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar il-Komunikazzjoni, id-Dipartiment tad-Dwana, l-Awtorità responsabbli għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji ta' Malta, l-Awtorità responsabbli għal-Logħob u kull entità oħra kif tista' tiġi identifikata minn żmien għal żmien mill-Ministru;".

Emenda tal-artikolu 10 tal-Att prinċipali.

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

(a) il-paragrafu (b) tiegħu għandu jiġi sostitwit b'dan li ġej:

"(b) ħmistax-il membru ieħor li jirrapprezentaw l-entitajiet jew Ministeri responsabbli għall-intrapriża jew li l-ambitu tagħhom huwa rilevanti għas-settur, li huma:

(i) id-Dipartiment responsabbli għall-Kummerċ;

(ii) l-Intrapriża ta' Malta;

(iii) l-Awtorità ta' Malta għall-Kompetizzjoni u għall-Affarijiet tal-Konsumatur;

(iv) id-Direttorat responsabbli għall-Politika tal-Intrapriża fi ħdan il-Ministeru responsabbli għall-Ekonomija;

(v) id-Divizjoni tal-Politika dwar l-Ekonomija fi ħdan il-Ministeru responsabbli għall-Finanzi;

(vi) l-Awtorità għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji ta' Malta;

(vii) id-Dipartiment responsabbli għall-Gvern Lokali;

(viii) il-Ministeru responsabbli għal Ghawdex;

(ix) l-Awtorità tat-Turiżmu;

(x) l-Awtorità tal-Ippjanar;

(xi) il-Ministeru responsabbli għall-Affarijiet Rurali;

(xii) l-Uffiċċju Nazzjonali tal-Istatistika;

(xiii) il-Kummissarju tat-Taxxi;

(xiv) il-Ministeru responsabbli għall-Edukazzjoni u x-Xogħol; u

(xv) l-Awtorità responsabbli għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi;"; u

(b) il-paragrafu (ċ) tiegħu għandu jiġi sostitwit b'dan li ġej:

"(ċ) h'dax-il membru mahtura minn rappreżentanti minn korpi kostitwiti, primarjament il-Kamra tal-Kummerċ, l-Industrija u l-Intrapriża ta' Malta, il-*General Retailers and Traders Union*, l-Assoċjazzjoni Maltija għal-Lukandi u Ristoranti, il-Kamra tan-Negozju għal Għawdex, l-Assoċjazzjoni tat-Turiżmu għal Għawdex, l-Assoċjazzjoni Maltija ta' Min Ihaddem, il-Kunsill Nazzjonali tan-Nisa, l-Assoċjazzjoni Maltija tan-Nisa fin-Negozju, il-Fondazzjoni tan-Nisa fin-Negozju, l-Assoċjazzjoni Maltija għall-Intrapriži tal-Familja u l-Istitut tal-*Financial Services Practitioners*; u".

4. Is-subartikolu (1) tal-artikolu 12 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi sostitwit b'dan li ġej:

Emenda tal-artikolu 12 tal-Att prinċipali.

"(1) L-affarijiet amministrattivi tal-Kunsill għandhom ikunu ġestiti mis-Segretarjat tal-Kunsill, u għandhom jaqgħu taħt il-kompetenza tad-Direttorat responsabbli għall-Ekonomija, u l-Kunsill, bl-approvazzjoni tal-Ministru, jista' jappunta uffiċjali skont kif ikun neċessarju għall-qadi xieraq u effiċjenti tal-funzjonijiet tal-Kunsill."

5. Il-paragrafu (b) tas-subartikolu (2) tal-artikolu 13 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi sostitwit b'dan li ġej:

Emenda tal-artikolu 13 tal-Att prinċipali.

"(b) sittax-il membru nominati mill-Gvern, li jirrapreżentaw lir-rappreżentanti tal-gvern fil-korpi kostitwiti, jiġifieri l-Awtorità responsabbli għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji, l-Awtorità responsabbli għall-Kompetizzjoni u għall-Affarijiet tal-Konsumatur, id-Dipartiment tad-Dwana, l-Awtorità responsabbli għal-Logħob, ir-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Energija u l-Ilma, l-Awtorità responsabbli għat-Turiżmu, l-Awtorità responsabbli għall-Komunikazzjoni, l-Awtorità responsabbli għas-Saħħa u s-Sigurtà fuq il-Post tax-Xogħol, l-Awtorità responsabbli għall-Ippjanar, l-Awtorità responsabbli għall-Ambjent u r-Riżorsi, id-Dipartiment responsabbli għas-

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Saħħa Ambjentali, id-Direttorat responsabbli għas-Saħħa tal-Pjanti, id-Direttorat responsabbli għar-Regolamentazzjoni Veterinarja, id-Direttorat responsabbli għall-Kontroll fis-Sajd, l-Awtorità responsabbli għall-Mediċini u d-Dipartiment responsabbli għall-Kummerċ."

Emenda tal-artikolu 15 tal-Att prinċipali.

6. Fil-paragrafu (a) tal-artikolu 15 tal-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kelma "tliet" għandha tidhol il-kelma "erba"

Emenda tal-artikolu 16 tal-Att prinċipali.

7. Is-subartikolu (1) tal-artikolu 16 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi sostitwit b'dan li ġej:

"(1) L-affarijiet amministrattivi tal-Kulleġġ għandhom ikunu ġestiti mis-Segretarjat tal-Kulleġġ, u għandhom jaqgħu fil-kompetenza tad-Direttorat responsabbli għall-Politika tal-Intrapriża fi hdan il-Ministeru għall-Ekonomija."

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Mgħoddi mill-Kamra tad-Deputati fis-Seduta Nru 496 tal-20 ta' Marzu, 2017.

ANĠLU FARRUGIA  
*Speaker*

RAYMOND SCICLUNA  
*Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati*

I assent.

(L.S.)

**MARIE-LOUISE  
COLEIRO PRECA  
President**

24th March, 2017

**ACT No. XII of 2017**

*AN ACT to amend the Small Business Act, Cap. 512.*

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 Small Business (Amendment) Act, 2017, and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Small Business Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Short title.

Cap. 512.

**2.** In article 2 of the principal Act, for the definition "public sector entities offering services to business" there shall be substituted the following definition:

Amendment of article 2 of the principal Act.

" "public sector entities offering services to business" means the Authority responsible for Planning, the Authority responsible for the Environment and Resources, Jobsplus, the Inland Revenue Department, the Value Added Tax Department, the Department responsible for Commerce, the Malta Enterprise, the Regulator responsible for Energy and Water Services, the Authority responsible for Medicines, the Authority responsible for Competition and Consumer Affairs, the

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Authority responsible for Communications, the Customs Department, the Authority responsible for Financial Services, the Authority responsible for Gaming and any other entity as may be identified by the Minister from time to time;"

Amendment of article 10 of the principal Act.

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

(a) paragraph (b) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

"(b) fifteen other members representing the entities or Ministries responsible for enterprise or whose remit is relevant to the sector namely:

(i) the Department responsible for Commerce;

(ii) Malta Enterprise;

(iii) the Authority responsible for Competition and Consumer Affairs;

(iv) the Directorate responsible for Enterprise Policy within the Ministry responsible for the Economy;

(v) the Economic Policy Division within the Ministry responsible for Finance;

(vi) the Authority responsible for Financial Services;

(vii) the Department responsible for Local Government;

(viii) the Ministry responsible for Gozo;

(ix) the Authority responsible for Tourism;

(x) the Authority responsible for Planning;

(xi) the Ministry responsible for Rural Affairs;

(xii) the National Statistics Office;

(xiii) the Commissioner for Revenue;

(xiv) the Ministry responsible for Education and Employment; and

(xv) the Authority responsible for the Environment and Resources;"; and

(b) paragraph (c) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

"(c) eleven members nominated by representatives from constituted bodies, namely the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, the General Retailers and Traders Union, the Malta Hotels and Restaurants Association, the Gozo Business Chamber, the Gozo Tourism Association, the Malta Employers' Association, the National Council of Women, the Maltese Association of Women in Business, the Foundation for Women Entrepreneurs, the Maltese Association for the Family Enterprises and the Institute of Financial Services Practitioners; and".

4. Sub-article (1) of article 12 of the principal Act shall be substituted by the following: Amendment of article 12 of the principal Act.

"(1) The administrative affairs of the Council shall be managed by the Council Secretariat, and shall fall within the competence of the Directorate responsible for Enterprise Policy within the Ministry responsible for the Economy, and the Council, with the approval of the Minister, may appoint such officers as may be necessary for the due and efficient discharge of the functions to the Council."

5. Paragraph (b) of sub-article (2) of article 13 of the principal Act shall be substituted by the following: Amendment of article 13 of the principal Act.

"(b) sixteen members nominated by Government, representing the government representatives on the constituted bodies, namely the Authority responsible for Financial Services, the Authority responsible for Competition and Consumer Affairs, the Customs Department, the Authority responsible for Gaming, the Regulator responsible for Energy and Water Services, the Authority responsible for Tourism, the Authority responsible for Communications, the Authority responsible for Occupational Health and Safety, the Authority responsible for Planning, the Authority responsible for the Environment and Resources, the Department responsible for Environmental Health, the Directorate responsible for Plant Health, the Directorate responsible for Veterinary Regulation, the

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Directorate responsible for Fisheries Control, the Authority responsible for Medicines and the Department responsible for Commerce."

Amendment of article 15 of the principal Act.

6. In paragraph (a) of article 15 of the principal Act, for the word "three" there shall be substituted the word "four".

Amendment of article 16 of the principal Act.

7. Sub-article (1) of article 16 of the principal Act shall be substituted by the following:

"(1) The administrative affairs of the College shall be managed by the College Secretariat, and shall fall within the competence of the Directorate responsible for Enterprise Policy within the Ministry responsible for the Economy."

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Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 496 of the 20th March, 2017.

ANGLU FARRUGIA  
*Speaker*

RAYMOND SCICLUNA  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*



