



TELEGRAPH (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000

Act 20 of 2000

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TELEGRAPH ACT

I assent,
TAUFA'AHAU TUPOU IV,
7th November, 2000

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BE IT ENACTED by the King and Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows: —

1.
 - (1) This Act may be cited as the Telegraph (Amendment) Act 2000 and shall come into force on a day proclaimed by His Majesty in Council and different sections of this Act may be brought into force on different days.
 - (2) The Telegraph Act (Cap. 99) is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended as follows: —
 - (a) by deleting the existing definition of “Commission”;
 - (b) by inserting the following new definitions: —

““**Licensee**” means a person granted authority to operate, maintain and manage a telegraph under the terms of an individual licence granted by the Minister under the Communications Act 2000;

“**Minister**” means the Minister responsible for communications; and

“**Superintendent**” means a person appointed by a Licensee to carry out the responsibilities of the Superintendent under the Regulations.”

- (c) by substituting the existing definition of “telegraph officer” with.

““**telegraph officer**” means any person employed in connection with the working of a telegraph by a Licensee”.

3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended as follows: —
- (a) by substituting the words “Prime Minister”, where they appear with the word “Minister”;
 - (b) by substituting the word “Cabinet”, where it appears with the words “His Majesty in Council”, and
 - (c) by substituting the words “the Commission”, where they appear with the words “a Licensee”.
4. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the words “the General Manager of the Tonga Telecommunications Commission, or such other officer as “shall be authorised by the Prime Minister to take such action” from the fifth line onwards, with the words “the Licensee authorised to charge or receive the same”.
5. Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the words “Prime Minister”, where they appear with the word “Minister”.
6. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended as follows: —
- (a) by substituting the words “Prime Minister”, where they appear with the word “Minister”.
 - (b) by substituting the words “the Commission”, in the third line with the words “the Licensee”.
 - (c) by substituting the words “the Commission”, in the fifth and eighth line with the words “the Licensee”.
7. Section 19 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by substituting the words “His Majesty in Council”, where they appear in the section, with the words “The Minister”.

8. Section 20 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the words “Prime Minister”, where they appear with the word “Minister”.
9. Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the words “the Commission”, where they appear with the words “a Licensee”.
10. Section 33 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the words “the Department”, where they appear with the words “a Licensee”.
11. The Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by: —
 - (a) substituting the words “the Commission” where they appear with the words “the Licensee”; and
 - (b) substituting the number “19” where it appears with the number “20”.

Passed in the Legislative Assembly this 4th day of September, 2000.