

# IMMIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017

## SAMOA

### Explanatory Memorandum

#### 1.0 Object and reasons:

- 1.1 The Bill seeks to increase the maximum period for a visitor's visa from 60 days to 90 days.

#### Clauses:

- Clause 1: - provides for the short title and commencement.
- Clause 2: - amends section 12(1) of the Act by substituting "60 days" with "90 days".
- Clause 3: - provides for transitional provision to cater for visitor's permits issued before the commencement of this Bill in which case the 90 day period does not apply to it. Only permits issued after the commencement of this Act can have the new maximum period of 90 days.



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**PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER  
RESPONSIBLE FOR IMMIGRATION**

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**Arrangement of Provisions**

1. Short title and commencement
2. Section 12(1) amended
3. Transitional

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**2017, No.**

**A BILL INTITULED**

**AN ACT to amend the Immigration Act 2004 (“Principal Act”) and for related purposes.**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement:**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Immigration Amendment Act 2017.
- (2) This Act commences on the date of its assent by the Head of State.

**2. Section 12(1) amended:**

Section 12(1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting “60 days” with “90 days”.

**3. Transitional:**

Any visitor permit issued under section 12(1) before the commencement of this Act continues until the time period specified in that permit is expired.

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