

**LANDS, SURVEYS AND ENVIRONMENT  
AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

**SAMOA**

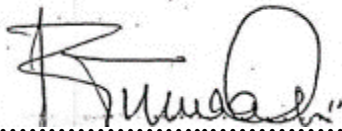
Explanatory Memorandum

**Introduction**

The Bill seeks to amend the Lands, Surveys and Environment Act 1989 (“Principal Act”) to allow other persons (including enforcement officers of the Land Transport Authority) to be authorised to enforce the litter provisions under the Principal Act.

**Clauses:**

- Clause 1:** - provides for the short title and commencement.
- Clause 2:** - amends section 4(2)(c) of the Principal Act to replace reference to Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Lands, Surveys and Environment with Assistant Chief Executive Officers.
- Clause 3:** - amends section 106 to empower the Chief Executive Officer to appoint other persons as authorised officers. The enforcement officers of the Land Transport Authority are treated as authorised officers for that purpose.
- Clause 4:** - replaces references to “Conservation Officer” or “Conservation Officers” in the Principal Act or other enactments with “authorised officer” or “authorised officers”.



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Arrangement of Provisions

1. Short title and commencement
2. Section 4 amended
3. Section 106 amended
4. Consequential amendments

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**2015, No.**

**A BILL INTITULED**

**AN ACT to amend the Lands, Surveys and Environment Act 1989 (“principal Act”).**

**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 Lands, Surveys and Environment Amendment Act 2015.

(2) This Act commences on the date of assent by the Head of State.

**2. Section 4 amended** - In section 4(2) of the principal Act, for paragraph (c) substitute:

“(c) Assistant Chief Executive Officers; and”.

**3. Section 106 amended-**(1) In section 106 of the principal Act:

(a) for subsection (1) substitute:

“(1) The Chief Executive Officer may appoint officers or employees of the Ministry or other persons, as authorised officers for the purposes of this Act.”; and

(b) after subsection (3) insert:

“(3A) An enforcement officer of the Land Transport Authority appointed under the Road Traffic Ordinance 1960 is treated as an authorised officer under this Act subject to the powers specified by the Chief Executive Officer.”.

**4. Consequential amendments** - All references to “Conservation Officer” or “Conservation Officers” under the principal Act or any other enactment are amended and are to be read as references to “authorised officer” or “authorised officers”, as the case may be.

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