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I assent.

(L.S.)

GEORGE VELLA
President

20th December, 2022

ACT No. XXI of 2022

AN ACT to amend the Development Planning Act, Cap. 552.

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:-

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| Short title. | 1. The short title of this Act is the Development Planning (Amendment) Act, 2022 and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Development Planning Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act". |
| Cap. 552. | |
| Amendment of article 7 of the principal Act. | 2. Paragraph (d) of sub-article (2) of article 7 of the principal Act shall be deleted. |
| Amendment of article 33 of the principal Act. | 3. Paragraph (c) of sub-article (2) of article 33 of the principal Act shall be deleted. |
| Amendment of article 35 of the principal Act. | 4. Article 35 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-article (1) thereof, the words "the Building Regulation Act" shall be deleted;

(b) in sub-article (2) thereof, the words "the Building Regulation Act" shall be deleted;

(c) in sub-article (3) thereof, the words "the Building Regulation Act" shall be deleted; and

(d) sub-article (5) thereof shall be deleted. |

5. Paragraph (o) of sub-article (1) of article 38 of the principal Act shall be deleted. Amendment of article 38 of the principal Act.
6. Article 62 of the principal Act, including the heading "The Building Regulations Committee" shall be deleted. Deletion of article 62 of the principal Act.
7. Article 64 of the principal Act shall be substituted by the following new article: Substitution of article 64 of the principal Act.

"64. The functions of the Planning Board are the issue of any development permissions that may be required by or in accordance with this Act under such conditions as it may, without prejudice to any other provision of this Act or any other law, deem necessary to balance out any concurrent interests on the best use of land and sea."
8. In sub-article (3) of article 65 of the principal Act, the words "another term of four years." shall be substituted by the words "further terms, each term being a period of four (4) years." Amendment of article 65 of the principal Act.
9. Sub-article (4) of article 71 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows: Amendment of article 71 of the principal Act.
 - (a) the word "certify" shall be substituted by the word "declare"; and
 - (b) sub-paragraph (i) thereof, the words "he has notified the owner of his intention to apply by registered letter of which a copy has been received by the Authority and that the owner has granted his consent to such proposal" shall be substituted by the words "he has notified the owner of his intention to apply by registered letter of which a copy has been received by the Authority and that the owner has granted his consent to submit an application".
10. Sub-article (4) of article 77 of the principal Act shall be deleted. Amendment of article 77 of the principal Act.
11. Article 86 of the principal Act, including the heading "Registration of Contractors" shall be deleted. Deletion of article 86 of the principal Act.
12. Article 87 of the principal Act, including the title "Building Regulations" shall be deleted. Deletion of article 87 of the principal Act.
13. Article 88 of the principal Act shall be deleted. Deletion of article 88 of the principal Act.
14. Article 89 of the principal Act, including the heading "Miscellaneous Provisions in relation to Building Regulations" shall Deletion of article 89 of the principal Act.

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be deleted.

Deletion of
article 90 of the
principal Act.

15. Article 90 of the principal Act shall be deleted.

Deletion of
article 91 of the
principal Act.

16. Article 91 of the principal Act shall be deleted.

Deletion of
article 92 of the
principal Act.

17. Article 92 of the principal Act, including the heading "Building Control Regulations" shall be deleted.

Amendment of
article 98 of the
principal Act.

18. In sub-article (1) of article 98 of the principal Act, the words "on both" shall be substituted by the words "on the person responsible for the acts mentioned in the notice or any combination thereof, ".

Amendment of
article 99 of the
principal Act.

19. In sub-article (1) of article 99 of the principal Act, the words "on both" shall be substituted by the words "on the person responsible for the acts mentioned in the notice or any combination thereof,".

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 70 of the 14th December, 2022.

ANĠLU FARRUGIA
Speaker

RAYMOND SCICLUNA
Clerk of the House of Representatives