
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

WATER AMENDMENT ACT

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

- [] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
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ACT

To amend the Water Act, 1956, so as to further regulate the abstraction of water from public streams of which the natural flow is artificially augmented.

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Amendment of section 56A of Act 54 of 1956, as inserted by section 9 of Act 92 of 1993

1. Section 56A of the Water Act, 1956, is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection: 5

“(1) If **[in the opinion of the Minister]** the natural flow in any portion of any public stream is continually or from time to time augmented by—

(a) purified or treated water derived from effluent resulting from the use for industrial purposes of water supplied or distributed by means of a Government water work or any other water work mentioned in section 56(3)(b), and discharged into that public stream under an exemption, under section 21(4), from the provisions of section 21(1)(b); or 10

(b) water discharged into that public stream derived from any other source, by means of a Government water work or a water work constructed and operated pursuant to a treaty contemplated in section 138A (1), 15

[he] the Minister may by notice in the *Gazette* prohibit, with effect from a date specified in the notice, the abstraction of water from the said portion of the public stream at any place along the course thereof.”.

Short title

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2. This Act shall be called the Water Amendment Act, 1997.