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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT****NOTICE 159 OF 2018****PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE  
AMENDMENT BILL, 2018**

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 241(1) (b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Social Development intends to introduce the Social Assistance Amendment Bill, 2018, in the National Assembly shortly.
2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(1) (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.
3. The Bill intends to amend the Social Assistance Act, 2004 (Act No. 13 of 2004) so as to –
  - (a) insert new definitions;
  - (b) to empower the Minister, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, to make additional amounts available to social grants;
  - (c) to provide for social relief of distress in the event of a disaster;
  - (d) repeal the process of reconsideration within the South African Social Security Agency and provide for the direct appeal to the Independent Tribunal;
  - (e) introduce the Inspectorate as a Government Component as opposed to a Government Department as it currently is, and align it to the Public Service Act;
  - (f) provide for transitional provisions; and
  - (g) provide for matters connected therewith.
4. A copy of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <http://www.pmg.org.za> and the Department of Social Development [www.dsd.gov.za](http://www.dsd.gov.za) and, after introduction, may also be obtained from the Government Printers: Cape Town (Telephone number: (021) 465-7531).