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POLICY ON PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PROVINCIAL VEHICLES

INTRODUCTION

In terms of the Tobacco Products Control Amendment Act (Act 12 of 1999) smoking in public places and in the workplace is prohibited, except in designated areas. The impact of this Act on smoking in Provincial vehicle has been discussed with concern.

It must be mentioned that a state-owned vehicle is a work tool and a state asset which is utilised by different users. It is therefore concerning that tobacco smell that is left in the vehicle after use by smoking officials affects the non smoking users.

Currently, there is no policy that regulates smoking in Provincial vehicles. In view hereof, it is imperative that a policy that prohibits smoking in government vehicles should be implemented.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to prohibit smoking in Provincial vehicles and to protect users of official vehicles against the harmful effects of direct and passive smoking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- (a) Smoking in any Provincial vehicle should cease.
- (b) The Tobacco Products Control Amendment Act 12 of 1999 should be observed by users of official vehicles at all times whilst in a Provincial vehicle.
- (c) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the abovementioned Act shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine in terms of the said Act.

(d) The policy should be adopted and implemented within KwaZulu-Natal with effect from 1 September 2002.

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