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It is hereby notified that the President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die President sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

No. 58 of 1997: Water Amendment Act. 1997

No. 58 van 1997: Waterwysigingswet. 1997.

## GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

- [                    ] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
- Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

# 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.**

*(Afrikaans text signed by the President.)  
(Assented to 6 November 1997.)*

**B**E 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:

- “(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
- (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),

**[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.