

PARLIAMENT OF GHANA LIBRARY

**IN THE THIRD SESSION OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF THE FOURTH
REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

**REPORT OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

ON THE

**NATIONAL FISCAL STABILISATION LEVY
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019**

DECEMBER 2019

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The **National Fiscal Stabilisation Levy (Amendment) Bill, 2019** was *presented* to Parliament by the Hon. Deputy Minister for Finance, Mr. Kwaku Agyeman Kwarteng on behalf of the Minister responsible for Finance and *read the first time* in the House on **Monday 2nd December, 2019**. The Bill was subsequently *referred* to the Finance Committee for consideration and report in accordance with Article 174 of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana and Order 169 of the Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana.

A Deputy Minister for Finance, Hon. Charles Adu-Boahen and a team of officials from the Ministry of Finance (MoF), the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) and the Attorney-General's Department attended upon and assisted the Committee in its deliberations on the Bill.

The Committee is grateful to the Hon. Deputy Minister and the team of officials for attending upon the Committee.

2.0 REFERENCES

The Committee referred to and/or was guided by the following documents *inter alia* during deliberations on the Bill:

- a. The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.
- b. Standing Orders of the Parliament of Ghana.
- c. National Fiscal Stabilisation Levy Act, 2013 (Act 862).
- d. Interpretation Act, 2009 (Act 792)

2.1 URGENCY OF THE BILL

The Committee determined and hereby certifies that the Bill is of an urgent nature and therefore may be taken through all the stages of passage in one day in accordance with Article 106(13) of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana and Order 119 of the Standing Orders of the House.

3.0 BACKGROUND

The Government of Ghana has carried out a myriad of measures to put the economy on a sound footing and is further committed to carrying out social interventions to improve the well-being of the citizens, especially the poor and the vulnerable.

There is the need for Government to maintain the momentum and soundness of the economy and consolidate the gains that have been made over the period through the implementation of effective revenue mobilization measures.

4.0 PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The Bill seeks to amend the National Fiscal Stabilisation Levy Act, 2013 (Act 862) to extend the date of expiration of the National Fiscal Stabilisation Levy to the end of the year 2024.

5.0 CONTENTS OF THE BILL

The **National Fiscal Stabilisation Levy (Amendment) Bill, 2019** contains two clauses.

Clause 1 amends Section 4 of Act 862 to extend the date of expiration of the National Fiscal Stabilisation Levy to the end of the 2024 fiscal year.

Clause 2 repeals the National Fiscal Stabilisation Levy (Amendment) Act, 2014 (Act 882).

6.0 OBSERVATIONS

6.1 Economic Stability

The Committee was informed that due to the need to maintain fiscal stability in view of the various social interventions being implemented by Government, it has become necessary to extend the date of expiration of this Levy so as to maintain the revenues generated therefrom.

6.2 Fiscal Impact

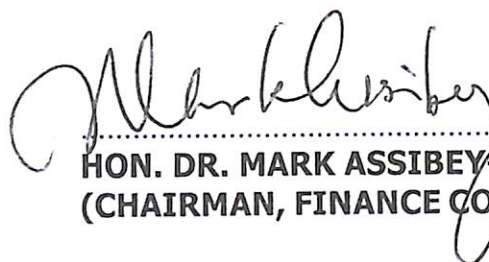
As to how much revenue will be impacted by the passage of the Bill, the Committee was informed that the passage of the Bill will lead to an estimated retention in revenue of approximately **Four Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢473,420,000.00)**.

7.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee after carefully examining the Bill, finds that its passage would help the nation to retain the revenue generated therefrom for the prosecution of Government programmes and activities towards the betterment of the conditions of the people of Ghana.

The Committee therefore recommends to the House to adopt this report and pass the **National Fiscal Stabilisation Levy (Amendment) Bill, 2019** into law in accordance with Article 106(13) of the 1992 Constitution and Order 119 of the Standing Orders of the House.

Respectfully Submitted.


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