

**PUBLIC HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021**

*(Bill No. 1 of 2021)*

**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill seeks to amend sections 26 and 64 of the Public Health Act, 2015 (Act 15 of 2015).

The purpose of the amendments are to confer powers on the Minister to make regulations for providing the requirements of vaccination as preventive measures to combat, control, treat and prevent the spread of infectious diseases and authoring the use of such vaccines in emergency situation; create offences and provide for the manner of imposition of fixed penalties in respect of any such offence.

**Dated this 27th day of January, 2021.**

**FRANK D.R. ALLY  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL**

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**A BILL**

**OF**

**AN ACT to amend the Public Health Act, 2015 (Act 13 of 2015).**

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly.

**Short title**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 2021.

**Amendment of section 26 of Act 13 of 2015**

**2.** Section 26(1) of the Public Health Act, 2015 (*hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”*) is amended —

- (a) in the chapeau, by repealing the words “introduction of infectious disease into Seychelles” and substituting therefor “introduction of infectious diseases into Seychelles or spread of infectious diseases within Seychelles”;
- (b) in paragraph (d), by deleting the word "or";(c) by inserting after paragraph (e), the following paragraph —
  - “(f) the requirements of vaccination as preventive measures to combat, control, treat and prevent the spread of infectious diseases and authorising the use of such vaccines in emergency situation.”.

**Amendment of section 64 of Act 13 of 2015**

**3.** Section 64 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (n), the following paragraphs —

- “(na) the creation of offences and imposition of penalties not exceeding a fine of SCR50,000 or an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years;
- (nb) the imposition of fixed penalty in respect of any such offence and authorise one or more public officers for such purpose;
- (nc) specify that the payment of fixed penalty may discharge the person of the liability from the prosecution for such offence;”.