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### NOTICE 939 OF 2014

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE MAINTENANCE AMENDMENT BILL, 2014

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 241(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services intends introducing the Maintenance Amendment Bill, 2014, 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.

The Bill is intended to amend the Maintenance Act, 1998, so as to-

- (a) further regulate the lodging of complaints relating to maintenance and the jurisdiction of maintenance courts;
- (b) further regulate the investigation of maintenance complaints;
- (c) further regulate the securing of witnesses for purposes of a maintenance enquiry;
- (d) further regulate maintenance enquiries in order to make provision for the granting of interim maintenance orders;
- (e) further regulate the making of maintenance orders;
- (f) further regulate the making of maintenance orders by consent;
- (g) further regulate the circumstances in which maintenance orders may be granted by default;
- (h) further regulate the granting of cost orders;
- (i) regulate the effect a maintenance order made by a maintenance court has on a maintenance order made by another court;
- (j) further regulate the transfer of maintenance orders;
- (k) regulate the reporting of a maintenance defaulter to any business which has as its object the granting of credit or is involved in the credit rating of persons;
- (l) further regulate the attachment of emoluments;
- (m) to increase the penalties for certain offences;
- (n) create certain new offences;
- (o) further regulate the conversion of criminal proceedings into maintenance enquiries; and
- (p) provide for matters connected therewith.

3. A copy of the Bill can be found on the websites of the Department and Parliamentary Monitoring Group at <http://doj.gov.za> and <http://www.pmg.org.za> and may, after introduction, also be obtained from the Government Printers, Cape Town (telephone number: 021 – 465 7531).