

Amendment
of section 10
of Act No.15
of 2000.

1. The Legal Practitioners Act, 2000 is amended by the repeal and replacement of section 10 by the following section:—

- “Qualifica- 10. A person qualifies for admission as a legal practitioner if-
tion for
admission
as legal
practitioner.
- (a) the person is—
 - (i) the holder of a degree in law awarded by the University of Sierra Leone, the University of Makeni or any other University established in Sierra Leone of such level as the Council of Legal Education may prescribe; or
 - (ii) the holder of a degree in law of a recognized university or other institution of higher learning of a Commonwealth country approved by the Council of Legal Education; or
 - (iii) the holder of any degree in law of a recognized university or other institution of higher learning of a country with a legal system analogous to that of Sierra Leone approved by the Council of Legal Education;
 - (b) has passed the appropriate professional examinations conducted by the Council of Legal Education and served a period of pupillage of not less than twelve months with a legal practitioner of at least ten years standing in Sierra Leone.

Commence
ment.

2. This act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of August, 2013”.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of section 10 of the Legal Practitioners Act 2000 limits admission as a legal practitioner to a holder of a degree in law awarded by the University of Sierra Leone. But with the establishment of the University of Makeni awarding degrees in law, it has become unreasonable to restrict admission to the practise of law only to holders of degrees from the University of Sierra Leone. This Bill therefore seeks to remove that anomaly. This Bill also provides for admission to practise law of students from universities established in the future in Sierra Leone.

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SIERRA LEONE,
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A BILL ENTITLED

The Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 2000.

Short title.

Being an Act to amend the Legal Practitioners Act, 2015.

[] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.