BILL

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A BILL ENTITLED

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014 Short title.

Being an Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1960.

[ ] Date of commencement

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

Amendment of section 2 of Act No. 23 of 1960.

The Public Health Act, 1960 is amended by the insertion in section 2 of "ebola disease".

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The outbreak of the "*ebola*" disease and its effect in Sierra Leone has necessitated the amendment of the Public Health Act to include *ebola* disease in the definition of "notifiable disease". This will enable the health authorities to adopt the measures for dealing with notifiable diseases such as yellow fever, the plague, cholera and typhus provided for in the Public Health Act in case of an outbreak of the *ebola* disease. The measures include (a) the evacuation of part or the whole area affected by the disease, (b) prohibition of entering or leaving the affected area (c) placement of marks on the premises denoting the occurrence of a notifiable disease (d) the erection of emergency huts or houses for accommodation in readily accesible places either immediately outside or inside a town or village but far removed from inhabited dwellings etc.

This Bill is being enacted notwithstanding section 37 of the Public Health Act.

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Attorney-General and Minister of Justice.

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