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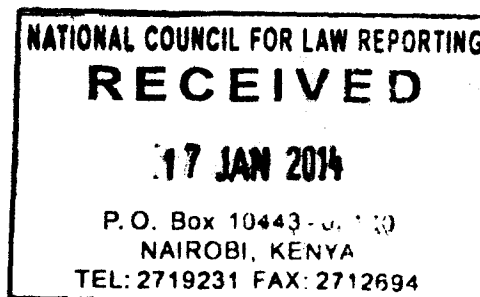
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS, 2013

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**THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013**

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2013

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

1. This Bill may be cited as the Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Bill, 2013. Short title.

2. Section 39 of the Persons with Disabilities Act is amended by deleting the word “or” appearing immediately after the word “inset” and substituting therefor the word “and” Amendment of section 39 of Cap. 14.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The primary objective of this Bill is to amend the Persons with Disabilities Act to make it accord with the Constitution of Kenya 2010. A person with disability is entitled under the Constitution to reasonable access to all places, public transport and information and hence the Government has the responsibility to make telecommunications and mass media available to persons with disabilities for their rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance.

The Bill’s objective is to make television more accessible to persons with hearing disabilities and to ensure that those who are hearing-impaired are not deprived of timely and relevant information that broadcast news provides

The enactment of this Bill shall not occasion additional expenditure of public funds to be provided through the estimates.

WANJIKU MUHIA,
Member of Parliament.

Section 39 of Cap. 14 which it is proposed to amend-

39. All television stations shall provide a sign language inset or sub-titles in all newscasts and educational programmes, and in all programmes covering events of national significance.

Television
programmes.