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Bill No. 9 of 1997

CUSTOMARY COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1997

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MEMORANDUM

A draft of the above Bill which it is proposed to present to the National Assembly is set out below.

The object of the Bill is to amend the Customary Courts Act (Cap. 04:05) so as to effect changes in the existing provisions in order to accommodate the recently enacted Stock Theft Act, 1996.

2. Section 11(5) of the Customary Courts Act (Cap. 04:05) has been amended to empower the President to make an order increasing the criminal jurisdiction of the customary courts to the extent specified in the order. The President is empowered, therefore, to make an order for the customary courts to hear and convict persons for the offence of stealing or attempting to steal stock.

P.K. BALOPI,
*Minister of Local Government,
Lands and Housing.*

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 11(5) of Cap. 04:05

A BILL

—entitled—

An Act to amend the Customary Courts Act

Date of Assent:

Date of Commencement:

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana

1. This Act may be cited as the Customary Courts (Amendment) Act, 1997. Short title

2. Section 11(5) of the Customary Courts (Amendment) Act is hereby amended by deleting the proviso thereto. Amendment
of section 11(5)
Cap. 04:05

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