



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE APPROVAL OF THE HEALTH BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 14 OF 2015)

Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 40 (3) and (4), I received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage, by the Assembly, of the Health Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 14 of 2015)-

"PURSUANT to the provisions of standing orders 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following message from the National Assembly-

WHEREAS the Health Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 14 of 2015) was published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 44 of 17th August, 2015 to align health laws and policy to the provisions of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 relating to the respective functions assigned to national and county governments and to provide a framework for coordination between the two levels of government in provision of health services and management of health facilities;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly considered and passed the said Bill on Wednesday, 30th March, 2016 **with amendments** in the form attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution and Standing Order 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby refer the said Bill to the Senate for consideration".

Honourable Senators,

Standing Order No. 148 requires that a Bill which originates in the National Assembly be proceeded with by the Senate in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading in accordance with Standing Order No. 129.

I therefore direct that the Bill be listed for First Reading in the Order Paper of tomorrow Wednesday, 27th April, 2016.

Honourable Senators,

I also wish to bring to your attention that this Bill is one of the Bills required to be enacted within 5 years of the enactment of the Constitution of Kenya. This timeline lapsed on 27th August, 2015 but the National Assembly, by resolution, extended the timeline by one year.

I thank you.



SEN. DAVID EKWEE ETHURO, E.G.H., M.P.
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

26th April, 2016