

Amendment  
of Act No. 5 of  
1994.

The Mines and Minerals Act, 1994 is hereby amended—

(a) in section 118B, by the repeal and replacement of subsection (3) thereof with the following:—

“(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not less than three years”.

(b) in section 118C—

(i) by the repeal and replacement of subsection (3) thereof with the following:—

“(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not less than five years.”

(ii) by the insertion immediately after subsection (6) thereof of the following:—

“(7) A reward of forty percent of the net proceeds of the precious minerals in connection with which the offence was committed shall be paid to any person who provided any information leading to the conviction of the offender”.

#### MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of this Bill is two fold: namely to ensure by paragraph (a) that the court is left with no option than imprisonment in respect of the offences of unlawful possession and smuggling of precious minerals, including diamonds; and to provide by paragraph (b) the legal authority for the practice of paying to informants a reward of 40% of the net proceeds of the minerals involved in the smuggling.

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FREETOWN,  
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## BILL

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### A BILL ENTITLED

**The Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Act, 2003**

Short title.

**Being an Act to amend the Mines and Minerals Act, 1994.**

[ ] Date of commencement.

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