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PARLIAMENT ENACTS INTO LAW THE SIERRA LEONE SEED CERTIFICATION AGENCY ACT 2017

The Parliament of Sierra Leone on Wednesday 29th November, 2017 enacted into law “The Sierra Leone Seed Certification Agency Act 2017.” The Act is to provide for the establishment of the Certification Agency, responsible for the control and regulation of agricultural seeds and other related matters.



Hon. Marie Jalloh Presenting the Bill to Parliament

Presenting the Bill prior to ratification, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Hon. Marie Jalloh, highlighted the relevance of seed certification towards the improvement and development of the agriculture sector. Hon. Jalloh noted that in achieving food security, quality seeds have to be provided to the farmers and proper control done.

Making a contribution to the Bill, the Deputy Chairman of the Agriculture Committee in Parliament, Hon. Aaron Aruna Koroma, commended the Ministry for what he described as a good move in boosting the agriculture sector in the country. He said giving farmers quality seeds will boost agricultural productivity.

The opposition Member of Parliament, Hon. Mohamed Tholley, a Member of the Agriculture Committee in Parliament, praised the work of the Ministry in putting together “a nice bill.” He said for far too long, this Bill has been awaited and should have been enacted in order to improve the quality of seed for farmers. In concluding the debate, both Leaders of the House welcomed the initiative to setup the seeds commission and acknowledged the immense contribution it brings to the agriculture sector. The Bill was finally passed into law with some amendments.

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