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DR. JULIUS MAADA BIO,
President.

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The National Youth Service(Amendment) Act, 2024 Short title.

**Being an Act to amend the National Youth Service Act, 2016 and
to provide for other related matters.**

[] Date of commencement.

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

Amendment of Act No. 4 of 2016. 1. Section 1 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with following new section -

"Interpretation. 1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;

"Executive -Director" means the Executive - Director of the National Youth Service appointed under section 18;

"graduate" means a person to whom a Degree has been awarded by a university and below the age of (35) thirty five years;

"members" means members of the Board ;

"Minister" means the minister responsible for youth affairs and "Ministry" shall be construed accordingly;

"non-graduate" means a Sierra Leonean with BECE, WASSCE, Diploma, from any recognised institution and are below the age of (35) thirty five years;

"Service" means the National Youth Service established under section 2;

"service corps" means graduates who are enlisted in the National Youth Service scheme;

"service scheme" means the National Youth Service scheme that service participants undertake for a period of one year. "

"service men and women" means non-graduate who are enlisted in the National Youth Service Scheme. "

"service member" means both graduate and non-graduate. "

10. Section 27 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section - Amendment of section 27 of Act No.4 of 2016.

"Form. 27. (1) A prospective Service participant shall fill out the form set out in the First Schedule."

11. Subsection (3) of section 28 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the insertion immediately after the word "graduate", the words "or a non-graduate". Amendment of Section 28 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

12. Subsection (2) of section 38 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of the figures "15, 000,000.00" with the phrase not less than "Le 50,000". Amendment of Section 38 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

Passed in Parliament this *day of,* in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four.

PARAN UMAR TARAWALLY,
Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Bill.

PARAN UMAR TARAWALLY,
Clerk of Parliament.

Amendment of section 13 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

6. Section 13 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the insertion immediately after subparagraph (c) a new subparagraph (d)-

(d) approve the annual work plan of the service.

Amendment of section 14 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

7. Section 14 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended in subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (g) of subsection (2) by the insertion immediately after that subparagraph following new subparagraph -

"(vii) the Teaching Service Commission."

Amendment of section 17 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

8. Section 17 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by inserting a new paragraph (e) after paragraph (d)-

"(e)implement the budget approved by the Board for the funding of activities and projects undertaken by the Service."

Amendment of section 26 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

9. Section 26 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section -

"Compulsory service. 26. Subject to section 28, -

- (a) a college or university graduate shall be enlisted in the Service Scheme for a period of one year; and
- (b) a non-graduate youth shall be enlisted in the Service Scheme for a period of at least one year and six (6) months,

starting from the date specified in the call-up instrument."

2. Section 4 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended in subsection (1) by the repeal and replacement of that subsection with the following new subsection - Amendment of section 4 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

"(1) The governing body of the Service shall be a Board which shall consist of a Chairman and following other members-

- (a) a representative of the Ministry of Youth Affairs not below the rank of a Director;
- (b) the Financial Secretary;
- (c) the Commissioner of Labour;
- (d) the Commissioner, National Youth Commission;
- (e) the President, the National Youth Service Alumni Association;
- (f) a representative of the Republic of the Sierra Leone Armed Forces;
- (g) a representative of the Sierra Leone Police;
- (h) a representative each, from the administrative regions of Sierra Leone, at least two of whom shall be women with knowledge and practical experience in matters relevant to the functions of the Service, appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister subject to the approval of Parliament; and
- (i) the Executive-Director, who shall serve as secretary to the Board, with no voting right."

(2) sub-section (3) of section (4) is expunged."

3. Section 7 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended in subsection (2) by the repeal and replacement of that subsection with the following new subsection - Amendment of section 7 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

"(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) it shall be the function of the Board to-

- (a) provide policy guidance and advice to the Ministry and the National Directorate that will ensure the efficient implementation of the functions of the Service and enhance the overall performance of the Service;
- (b) monitor and evaluate the implementation of plans and programs of the Service and make recommendations for improvement;
- (c) develop guidelines for selection of participants in programs of the Service;
- (d) advise the Minister on matters relating to the Service."
- (e) approve budgeted funding for the activities undertaken by the service."

Amendment of section 8 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

4. Section 8 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section-

"Meetings of board.

8. (6) The quorum for a meeting of a board shall be six (6) members

Amendment of section 12 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

5. Section 12 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section -

"Functions of Service. (1) The object for which the Service is established is to train graduates and non-graduates and to enhance their ability to provide services to the nation.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), it shall be the function of the Service to-

- (a) establish orientation camps for training of Service members;

- (b) provide technical and vocational skills training, apprenticeship and personal development programmes and activities for Service members;
- (c) generate national consciousness and discipline in Service members by instilling in them a tradition of patriotism, loyalty, integrity, duty and service to the nation;
- (d) provide personal development programmes and activities for Service members;
- (e) initiate, plan, organise, fund, manage, administer and control programmes and activities for the development of service;
- (f) inculcate youth volunteerism and civil responsibilities among Service members;
- (g) operate with and assist the Office of National Security, the National Disaster Management Agency and other public institutions during emergencies and disasters;
- (h) develop fortitude of mind and moral competence required for leadership in Service members;
- (i) enable the Service members to acquire the capacity to be self-reliant by encouraging them to develop skills for employment;
- (j) develop cross cultural integration among Service members;
- (k) assists the Ministry in the establishment and capacity support of both District and Chiefdom Youth Councils
- (l) do such other things so as to attain the object of the Service."