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It is enacted by the senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled.

Section 1. The New Executive Law, as contained in Title 12 of the Liberian Code of Laws Revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto six new sections to be Section 37.1 through 37.6 respectively, constituting a new Chapter to be Chapter 37 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 37 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Section 37.1 Ministry Created. There is hereby created and established in the Executive Branch of Government, a Ministry of Transport to be headed by a Minister, Who shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate. To assist the Minister in the administration of the Affairs of the Ministry, the President shall appoint, with the consent of the senate, a Deputy Minister for Administration/Insurance who shall be the principal Deputy to the Minister and who shall act in the absence of the Minister. The President shall also appoint, with the consent of the senate, a Deputy Minister for Maritime Affairs/Shipping, Deputy Minister for Civil Aviation, a Deputy Minister for Land/Rail Transport, and a Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs, as well as such other Deputy Ministers and Assistant Ministers as shall be necessary and required for the effective operation of the Ministry.

Section 37.2 Organization of the Ministry. The Ministry of Transport shall be divided into five major Divisions namely, the Division of Administration/Insurance, the Division of Maritime Affairs/Shipping, the Division of Civil Aviation, the Division of Land /Rail Transport, and the Division of Legal Affairs each to be headed by a Deputy Minister, as well as such other Divisions and Bureau and shall be established by the Minister, subject to the approval of the President and legislative enactment.

Section 37.3 Function of the Ministry. The functions of the Ministry of Transport shall include:

- a) To administer and implement the Transport Law, the Insurance Law, and the maritime Law and to plan and execute policies relating to all modes of land, Rail, Sea and Air Transport service, within the Republic of Liberia and abroad
- b) To represent the Government's interest in all negotiations in connection with Government participation in shipping and to represent the government's interest in international shipping and Maritime conferences.

- c) To collect, evaluate and periodically public such data relating to Land/Rail, sea, and air transport services as well as insurance, as well as the maintenance of meteorological services.
- d) To establish rules and procedure, and enforce standards for transport services of private and public common carriers of whatever nature and in general, to develop, regulate, control and monitor vehicles, boats, ships fishing vessels,railroads,aviation,ferries,canoes, rural and urban mass transit, and the inspection and safety of highways, the seas, railroads and civil aviation.
- e) To enforce the compulsory Liability Insurance Law of 1972 as contained in volume VI of the Liberian code of Laws Revised, chapter 4 of title 38.
- f) To establish and implement the overall transportation policy of the Republic of Liberia, and develop plans for the movements of goods and people within and without the republic.
- g) To regulate the use of inland waterways and rivers, ship flying the Liberian flag in domestic and foreign commerce as well as all modes of watercrafts for civil transport.
- h) To administer matters affecting the documentation, mortgaging navigation, registration, seaworthiness and the economy of Liberian flag vessels, including their labour relations aspects.
- i) To regulate the use of ports and harbors, domestic airports and vehicle, parking lots as they affect shipping, civil aviation, and motor and rail transport.

Section 2. The Act creating the Ministry of Commerce industry and Transportation within the Executive Branch of Government approved December 31, 1971 and published June 9, 1972, as found in Title 12, chapter29 of the Executive Law, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 37.4 Transfer of Bureaux of Transportation, Civil Aviation and Insurance.

The Bureau of Transportation, the Bureau of Civil Aviation and the Bureau of Insurance are hereby detached from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Transportation and are herewith transferred to the Ministry of Transport together with their staffs and operating budgets respectively. With the detachment of the said Bureaux, the nomenclature of the Ministry of Commerce Industry and Transportation shall henceforth be known as the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Section 3. The Act creating the Ministry of Finance within the Executive Branch of Government, approved December 31, 1971 and published on June 9, 1972 as found in Title 12, chapter 21 of the new Executive Law, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 37.5 Transfer of the Bureau of Maritime Affairs. The Bureau of Maritime Affairs is hereby detached from the Ministry of Finance and herewith transferred to the Ministry of Transport together with its staffs and operating budget.

Section 4 The Act creating the Liberian shipping Corporation within the Executive Branch of Government, approved December 31, 1971, and published on June 9, 1972 as found in Title 12, chapter 56 of the New Executive Law, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 37.6 Transfer of Liberia Shipping Corporation Board Chairmanship. The Management of the Liberia Shipping Corporation, as contained in section 56.7 of chapter 56 of the New Executive Law, shall be rested in a Board of Directors, consisting of the Minister of Transport who shall act as chairman of the Board.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in treadbills.

Any Law to the Contrary Notwithstanding

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