



**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

(Made under S.76 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015)

This is to certify that **THE UGANDA REGISTRATION SERVICES BUREAU (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024** has been examined for financial implications as required under section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015 (as amended).

I wish to report as follows:

**1) Objectives of the Bill**

The main object of the Bill is to give effect to the Government Policy for Rationalization of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure (RAPEX) which was adopted by the Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021.

The specific objectives of the Bill are:

- i. To merge, mainstream and rationalize the functions of civil registration related to the registration of Marriages, under the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) to the National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) and public expenditure thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- ii. To facilitate of efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of civil registration hitherto under Uganda Registration Services Bureau and thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- iii. To promote coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and

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departments, enable Government to play its proper role more effectively and enforce accountability; and

- iv. To eliminate bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments by restructuring and re-organization of the civil registration function under Uganda Registration Services Bureau.

## 2) **Expected Outputs**

The Bill will amend the Uganda Registration Services Bureau Act, Cap 210 to transfer to the National Identification and Registration Authority the power to administer and give effect to laws on civil registration including the Children Act, Cap. 59, the Customary Marriage (Registration) Act, Cap. 248 and the Marriage Act, Cap. 251.

## 3) **Funding and Budgetary Implications**

There are no direct costs envisaged for the transfer of the services of Civil registration related to the registration of Marriages, hitherto under the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) to the National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA), as the budget for the unit to cater for salaries of the 9 staff and operations, currently at **Shs.748,0256,000**, will be shifted from URSB and form part of the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework for NIRA.

Based on the approved staff structure by the Ministry of Public Service, the required Wage is **Shs.850,209,400**, the corresponding National Social Security Fund (NSSF) cost is **Shs.85,020,940** and the annual Gratuity is **Shs.212,552,350**. The budget for operational costs is **Shs.386,280,000**, to cater for planned activities, which include promoting stakeholder awareness and participation in civil registration services, sensitization on marriages, strengthening processes and enhancing the integrity of the marriage register.

The total costs for the delivery of civil registration are estimated at **Shs.1,729,062,690**, taking into consideration additional funding requirement of **Shs.195,000,000** to scale up the aforementioned planned activities. The additional costs will have to be provided by Government from the realized savings and included in the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework of NIRA.

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**4) Expected savings and/or Revenue to Government**

There are no anticipated savings arising from transfer of the services of Civil registration hitherto under the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) to the National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) as it is resource neutral.

In addition, the transfer is envisaged to increase efficiency and expected to enhance Non-Tax Revenue collections from the services rendered, currently estimated at **Shs. 1.6Bn** for Civil Registration (Marriages) under URSB.

**5) Impact to the Economy**

The Bill is expected to improve efficiency through reduction of costs of public service delivery in the long-run by eliminating duplication of services and maximization of inter-related departments for civil registration to be under NIRA. In addition, this will increase Government effectiveness in revenue generation by the National Identification and Registration Authority. The expected savings and revenues will be redirected to more productive services and sectors of the economy, hence improved service delivery and economic growth.

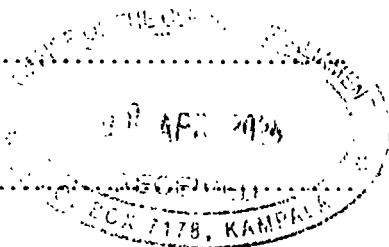
Submitted under my hand this <sup>27<sup>th</sup></sup> day of March, 2024.

  
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