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**AN ACT to provide for fines in enactments to be expressed in terms of penalty units, to provide for the amounts of fines in existing enactments to be converted into penalty units and to provide for related matters.**

**1. Fines to be expressed as penalty units**

Where in an enactment provision is made for the imposition of a fine as a penalty for the contravention of a provision in the enactment, the amount of the fine shall be expressed in terms of a number of penalty units.

**2. Pecuniary value of a penalty unit**

(1) For the purposes of this Act, one penalty unit is equal to the amount of cedis specified in the First Schedule.

(2) The Attorney-General may, by legislative instrument, amend the First Schedule except that the value of one penalty unit shall not exceed a sum equivalent to one third of the prevailing national daily minimum wage multiplied by thirty.

**3. Fines in existing enactments converted to penalty units**

(1) Subject to subsection (2), where in an existing enactment

(a) provision is made for the imposition of an amount of cedis as a fine or penalty for the

contravention of a provision in the enactment; and

(b) the existing fine is of an amount specified in column 1 of the Second Schedule,

there shall be substituted for the fine the new maximum fine specified in relation to it in column 2 of the Second Schedule and the new fine shall be expressed and read as the number of penalty units correspondingly provided in column 3 of the Second Schedule.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to

(a) an existing enactment which came into force on or after 1st January 1997, or

(b) the fines in an existing enactment amended since 1st January 1997.

(3) Where an existing enactment to which subsection (1) would have applied, but for the exclusion in subsection (2) has a provision of an amount of a fine expressed in currency, the amount shall, on the coming into force of this Act be read and construed as calculated in terms of the equivalent of a number of penalty units based on the value of one penalty unit as specified in the First Schedule.

#### 4. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

“**existing enactment**” means an enactment in force immediately before the coming into force of this Act;

“**fine**” means a pecuniary penalty to which a person may be liable for breach of a provision in an enactment.

#### 5. Repeals

*Spent.2(2)*

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### SCHEDULES

#### First Schedule

ONE PENALTY UNIT IS EQUAL TO ₪20,000.00.

[Section 2 (1)]

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#### Second Schedule

[Section 3 (1)]

<i>Existing maximum fines</i>	<i>New maximum fines</i>	<i>Equivalent number of penalty units</i>
1. ₪2,000.00	₪20,000.00	1 penalty unit
2. ₪5,000.00	₪50,000.00	2.5 penalty units
3. ₪10,000.00	₪100,000.00	5 penalty units

4. ₱20,000.00	₱200,000.00	10 penalty units
5. ₱50,000.00	₱500,000.00	25 penalty units
6. ₱100,000.00	₱1 million	50 penalty units
7. ₱400,000.00	₱4 million	200 penalty units
8. ₱500,000.00	₱5 million	250 penalty units
9. ₱1 million	₱10 million	500 penalty units
10. ₱2 million	₱20 million	1,000 penalty units

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## Endnotes

### 1 (Popup - Footnote)

1. The Act was assented to on 2nd February, 2000 and published in the *Gazette* on 11th February, 2000.

### 2 (Popup - Footnote)

2. The section provided for the repeal of the Penalties (Specified Fines) (Amendment) Law, 1991 (P.N.D.C.L. 251).