



GHANA

No. 35 OF 1957.

Assented to in Her Majesty's Name and on Her Majesty's behalf this 30th day of December, 1957.

LISTOWEL  
*Governor-General.*

AN ACT to amend the Land Planning and Soil Conservation Ordinance.

[31st December, 1957.] Date of commencement.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Ghana in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Land Planning and Soil Conservation (Amendment) Act, 1957, and shall be read as one with the Land Planning and Soil Conservation Ordinance, 1953, hereinafter referred to as the Ordinance. Short title and interpretation. No. 32 of 1953.
- (2) The Interpretation Ordinance shall apply to the interpretation of this Act as it applies for the interpretation of an Ordinance. Cap. 1.
2. The long title of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting all words and punctuation after the word "provide" and substituting therefor the following words:—  
"for the better utilization of land in designated areas by land planning and soil conservation and for the establishment of committees for purposes incidental thereto."  
Amendment of long title of No. 32 of 1953.
3. Section 2 of the Ordinance is amended,—
  - (a) by the insertion immediately after the definition of "functions" of the following definition—  
" 'land planning' includes resettlement of farmers; "
  - (b) in the definition of "Minister" by repealing the words "and Natural Resources".

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Replace-  
ment of sec-  
tion 4 (2) (b)  
of No. 32 of  
1953.

4. Section 4 of the Ordinance is amended by substituting for paragraph (b) of the subsection (2) the following paragraph:—  
“(b) prescribe the representation and quorum necessary for the conduct of business at any meeting of the planning committee;”

Amendment  
of section 7  
(1) of No. 32  
of 1953.

5. Subsection (1) of section 7 of the Ordinance is hereby amended—

(a) by the deletion of the word “and” following the word “land” in paragraph (d), and by the substitution of a semi-colon for the full stop after the word “land” in paragraph (e) and the addition thereafter of the word “or”;

(b) by the addition of the following new paragraph:—

“(f) the utilization of land or water to promote or increase food production.”

Addition of  
new sections  
7A and 7B.

6. The Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition immediately following section 7 of new sections 7A and 7B as follows—

“Com-  
mittee may  
promote  
other land  
use.”

7A. A Committee may for the purposes of this Ordinance within its planning area promote any alteration or improvement in the use of land by proper methods of land cultivation and soil conservation.

Additional  
powers of  
committees.

7B. (1) Where a committee is of opinion that land within its planning area—

(a) is for purposes of agriculture or animal husbandry exhausted or inadequate for the occupants; or

(b) may be used for other or more suitable purposes,—

the committee may recommend the transfer of any farmer occupying the land to any planning area within the designated area or to any other land within the planning area.

(2) If the Minister approves, any farmer may, where he consents, be so transferred with any movable property belonging to him and be re-settled as a farmer within the designated area on any land made available for the purpose:

Provided that the actual cost of any such transfer and re-settlement may where certified as reasonable by the planning committee recommending the transfer be paid out of the Consolidated Fund.

(3) The approval of the Minister shall be in writing under his hand and may be given generally or as a special case.

(4) For the purposes of this section, “farmer” means a person whose sole or principal occupation is the utilization of land for agriculture or animal husbandry and includes a farm worker and the dependents of a farmer.”

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This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the National Assembly, and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

K. B. AYENSU  
*Clerk of the National Assembly.*