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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

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**PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL, 2026**

1. Notice is hereby given in terms of Rule 276(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Assembly that the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies intends to introduce the Electronic Communications Amendment Bill, 2026, in the National Assembly.
2. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 276(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.
3. The Bill seeks to amend the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005), so as to enable the Minister responsible for local government to make a national standard by-law on rapid deployment, to enable the 'use it or share it' principle for spectrum, to regulate roaming and mobile virtual network operator services, to improve the facilities leasing framework and provide for wholesale pricing rules and standards; to provide for improved competition regulation; and to provide for matters connected therewith.
4. A copy of the Bill can be found on the website of the Department at <http://www.dcdt.gov.za>.



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**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES****DATE:** 15 April 2026