

# PRISONS AND CORRECTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2020

## SAMOA

### Explanatory Memorandum

#### Object and reasons

The Bill seeks to give effect to the decision of Government to merge the Samoa Police Services and the Prisons and Correction Services, under the management of the Police Commissioner.

#### Clauses:

- Clause 1: - provides for the short title and commencement.
- Clause 2: - amends some of the definitions in section 2 of the Principal Act.
- Clause 3: - amends section 4 of the Principal Act on the establishment of the Prisons and Corrections Services to be managed under the Police Service Act 2009 and the Prisons and Corrections Act 2013.
- Clause 4: - substitutes section 5 to expressly state the Commissioner of Police is the Head of the Prisons and Corrections Services; provides for the appointments of the Deputy and Assistant Commissioners.
- Clause 5: - amends section 6 to confirm officers' transition for the purposes of the merge.
- Clauses 6 to Clause 11: - makes minor revisions to the relevant sections of the Principal Act for consistency.

- Clause 12:** - substitutes section 58 of the Principal Act for the transfer of assets following the merge.
- Clause 13:** - amends section 62 for transitional purposes.
- Clause 14:** - provides for consequential amendments.

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