

BILL NO. 25 OF 2026

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUPERYACHT CHARTER ACT 2010

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Superyacht Charter (Budget Amendment) Act 2026.

(2) This Act comes into force on 1 August 2026.

(3) In this Act, the Superyacht Charter Act 2010 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 2 amended

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting the definition of “recognised superyacht agent” and substituting the following—

““recognised superyacht agent” means—

- (a) a company which is registered under the Companies Act 2015 and with the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service in accordance with Part 2; or
- (b) a yacht agent licensed under section 148(1) of the Customs Act 1986;”.

Section 4 amended

3. Section 4(1) of the Principal Act is amended after “company” by inserting “or person”.

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SUPERYACHT CHARTER (BUDGET AMENDMENT) BILL 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Bill and is intended only to indicate its general effect)

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Superyacht Charter Act 2010 (**‘Act’**) establishes a charter permit system to allow superyachts to charter in Fiji waters.
- 1.2 The Superyacht Charter (Budget Amendment) Bill 2026 (**‘Bill’**) seeks to amend the Act to clearly define a “recognised superyacht agent” to include yacht agents licensed under section 148 of the Customs Act 1986, to avoid duplicative licensing requirements, and to provide for registration as a recognised superyacht agent under the Act as sufficient authority to carry out the roles, duties and responsibilities of a licensed yacht agent under section 148 of the Customs Act 1986.

2.0 CLAUSES

- 2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides for the short title and commencement. If passed by Parliament, the amending legislation will come into force on 1 August 2026.
- 2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 2 of the Act to include a yacht agent licensed under section 148(1) of the Customs Act 1986, in the definition of “recognised superyacht agent”. The amendment is to allow for regulatory efficiency, reduce cost of doing business, and ensure consistency in the application for registration and licensing of a recognised superyacht agent and a yacht agent.
- 2.3 Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 4 of the Act by inserting the words “or person” after “company” in subsection (1). This amendment ensures consistency with clause 2, which expands the definition of a “recognised superyacht agent” to include a yacht agent.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 The Act comes under the responsibility of the Minister responsible for finance.

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