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An Act to provide for the Title of the King for his Signet and for incidental or connected Matters.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Royal Title and Signet Act, 1968.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

"**duly advised**" means advised in accordance with section 85 of the Constitution;

"**the Minister**" means the Prime Minister.

3. The royal title and forms of address

The title and forms of address of His Majesty the King are such as His Majesty, duly advised, may be pleased to appoint by proclamation published in the *Gazette*.

4. His Majesty's Signet

- (1) Where the signature of the King is not confirmed by the Public Seal, the signature shall be confirmed by His Majesty's Signet.
- (2) The design and size of the Signet shall be such as His Majesty, duly advised, may be pleased to appoint by proclamation published in the *Gazette*.
- (3) The King, duly advised, shall appoint a person holding office in the service of the King to be custodian of the Signet.
- (4) The Minister shall publish, in the *Gazette*, notification of such appointment and any revocation thereof.
- (5) Wherever the Signet is affixed to a document or any other thing, the person who is custodian of the Signet, at the material time, shall affix his signature in authentication thereof.

5. Royal Instructions

- (1) The King, duly advised, may give, alter and revoke Instructions for—
 - (a) the manner in which, and the purpose for which, the Signet may be used,
 - (b) the custody of the Signet, and
 - (c) the manner in which it shall be kept.
- (2) The Minister shall publish notification of Instructions so given, altered or revoked in the *Gazette*.

6. Temporary arrangements

- (1) Where His Majesty's Signet is required for use and is not available, the King, duly advised, may prescribe some other device to be used temporarily in place of the Signet until it is available.
- (2) The Minister shall publish notification of a device thus temporarily prescribed and the termination of the use of that device in the *Gazette*.

7. Offences and penalties

Any person who possesses or, with intent to deceive, uses the Signet or a device prescribed in [section 6](#), otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Act or any Instructions published under [section 5](#), shall be guilty of an offence and, on conviction, liable to a fine of one thousand emalangeni or to imprisonment for two years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.