

Example of a bill passed by the Legislative Council



Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill

Overview: The Bill sought to establish a mandatory reporting regime to require certain professionals to report suspected serious child abuse cases; to provide for protection for the professionals for making the reports; and to provide for related matters.



2.6.2023 Bill published in the Gazette.



14.6.2023 First Reading of the Bill and the moving of the Second Reading motion;
Debate on the Second Reading of the Bill adjourned and the Bill referred to the House Committee.



16.6.2023 The House Committee decided to form a Bills Committee.



25.7.2023-1.6.2024 The Bills Committee held 9 meetings to discuss the relevant policy issues, and examine the provisions of the Bill. A total of 91 organizations and individuals gave their views on the Bill to the Bills Committee.



21.6.2024 Bills Committee reported to the House Committee.



10.7.2024-11.7.2024 Resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill;
Passing of the motion for the Second Reading of the Bill;
Committee of the whole Council considered and voted on the clauses of and amendments to the Bill;
Passing of the motion for the Third Reading of the Bill.



19.7.2024 After the signing of the passed Bill by the Chief Executive, the Bill was enacted as Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance and published in the Gazette on 19 July 2024.

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Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) Bill 2023

Overview: The Bill sought to amend the Road Tunnels (Government) Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation to extend their application to the Western Harbour Crossing (“WHC”); to provide for new tolls in respect of the three harbour crossings on the takeover of WHC; to provide for time-varying tolls to be charged for the three harbour crossings; to provide for transitional matters; and to make related amendments.



24.3.2023 Bill published in the Gazette.

29.3.2023 First Reading of the Bill and the moving of the Second Reading motion;
Debate on the Second Reading of the Bill adjourned and the Bill referred to the House Committee.



31.3.2023 The House Committee decided to form a Bills Committee.

21.4.2023- 21.4.2023- The Bills Committee held 5 meetings to discuss the relevant policy issues, and examine the provisions of the Bill. A total of 7 organizations gave their views on the Bill to the Bills Committee.



9.6.2023 Bills Committee reported to the House Committee.

28.6.2023 Resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill;
Passing of the motion for the Second Reading of the Bill;
Committee of the whole Council considered and voted on the clauses of and amendments to the Bill;
Passing of the motion for the Third Reading of the Bill.



7.7.2023 After the signing of the passed Bill by the Chief Executive, the Bill was enacted as Road Tunnels (Government) (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 and published in the Gazette on 7 July 2023.

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National Anthem Bill

Overview: The Bill sought to provide for the playing and singing of the national anthem, for the protection of the national anthem, and for the promotion of the national anthem, in Hong Kong.



11.1.2019 Bill published in the Gazette.



23.1.2019 First Reading of the Bill and the moving of the Second Reading motion;
Debate on the Second Reading of the Bill adjourned and the Bill referred to the House Committee.



25.1.2019 The House Committee decided to form a Bills Committee.



19.2.2019-24.5.2019 The Bills Committee held 17 meetings to discuss the relevant policy issues, and examine the provisions of the Bill. A total of 134 organizations and individuals gave their views on the Bill to the Bills Committee.



28.6.2019 Bills Committee reported to the House Committee.



27.5.2020-4.6.2020 Resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill;
Passing of the motion for the Second Reading of the Bill;
Committee of the whole Council considered and voted on the clauses of and amendments to the Bill;
Passing of the motion for the Third Reading of the Bill.



12.6.2020 After the signing of the passed Bill by the Chief Executive, the Bill was enacted as National Anthem Ordinance and published in the Gazette on 12 June 2020.