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**FROM : ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT : RE- CIRCULAR NO 12 OF 2022: AMENDMENT  
ACTS FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND  
FEMICIDE**

1. The above matter has reference
2. Please find herewith the Circular on the three (3) Amendment Acts for Gender Based Violence and Femicide which were signed into law on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.
3. These are the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, the Criminal and Related Matters Amendment Act and the Domestic Violence Amendment Act.
4. The purpose of this new legislation is to strengthen efforts to end Gender Based Violence and Femicide in South Africa with a victim centered focus on combating this dehumanizing pandemic.

  
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**13 FEBRUARY 2023**  
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