

A BILL

To

Amend the Legal Aid Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title

This Ordinance may be cited as the Legal Aid (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 1999.

**2. Director may waive upper
limit of means test**

Section 5AA of the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91) is amended by repealing everything after “proceedings in which” and substituting -

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- (a) a breach of the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance (Cap. 383) or an inconsistency with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as applied to Hong Kong is an issue; or
- (b) a breach of the provisions of an employment contract or the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) is an issue.”.

Explanatory Memorandum

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Legal Aid Ordinance (Cap. 91) to empower the Director of Legal Aid who can grant legal aid to a person involved in the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) or employment contract cases even though his financial capacity exceeds the eligibility limit for the standard legal aid scheme.