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BASIC LAW OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

Resolution made and passed by the Legislative Council under Article 75 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on 22 June 2000.

Resolved that the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region be amended---

(1) in Rule 23(3), by repealing "with no" and substituting "not intended to have";

(2) in Rule 25---

(a) by repealing subrule (1)(e);

(b) by adding---

"(3) If the President is of the opinion that the subject matter of a question or any part thereof notice of which is given under Rule 24(2) (Notice of Questions) is substantially the same as that of any matter---

(a) raised in another question notice of which has been given earlier for the same Council meeting; or

(b) raised in a motion, or a bill, notice of which has been given earlier for a specific Council meeting; or

(c) being considered by a standing committee or a select committee, or a committee authorized by the Council to conduct an inquiry into that matter, the President may direct that the Member be informed that the question or the part thereof is out of order. ";

(3) in Rule 30, by adding---

"(4) If more than one notice is received by the Clerk for the same amendment, the Member who gave the earliest notice which has not been withdrawn shall be the mover of the amendment. ";

(4) in Rule 31---

(a) by renumbering it as Rule 31(1);

(b) by adding---

"(2) If the subject matter of a motion (not being a motion proposed to be moved by a designated public officer) not intended to have legislative effect and notice of which is given is substantially the same as that of---

(a) a motion intended to have legislative effect, or a bill, notice of which has been

given earlier for a specific Council meeting; or

(b) any matter being considered by a standing committee or a select committee, or a committee authorized by the Council to conduct an inquiry into that matter, the President shall direct that the notice be returned to the Member who signed it, as being in his opinion out of order. ";

(5) in Rule 35(1), by repealing "mover" and substituting "Member";

(6) in Rule 51---

(a) in subrule (7)(a), by adding "subrule (7A) and" before "Rule 66";

(b) by adding---

"(7A) Where the motion for the second or third reading of an Appropriation Bill is negatived, another Appropriation Bill containing the same or substantially the same provisions may be presented within the same session. ";

(7) by repealing Rule 61(5);

(8) in Rule 66(6), by adding "(and if considered necessary, in conjunction with any referred bill as may have been presented for the purpose of amending the returned bill)" after "arrange".

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22 June 2000