

A BILL

To

Amend the Stamp Duty Ordinance to give effect to the proposal in the Budget introduced by the Government for the 2021–2022 financial year to increase the stamp duty on certain instruments in respect of Hong Kong stock.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title and commencement

- (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Revenue (Stamp Duty) Ordinance 2021.
- (2) This Ordinance comes into operation on 1 August 2021.

2. Stamp Duty Ordinance amended

The Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. First Schedule amended

- (1) First Schedule, head 2(1), paragraph (A)—

Repeal

“0.1%”

Substitute

“0.13%”.

(2) First Schedule, head 2(3), paragraph (A)—

Repeal

“0.2%”

Substitute

“0.26%”.

Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to amend the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117) (*Ordinance*) to give effect to the proposal in the Budget introduced by the Government for the 2021–2022 financial year to increase the stamp duty on certain instruments in respect of Hong Kong stock.

2. Clause 1 sets out the short title and provides for commencement.
3. Clause 3 amends head 2(1) and (3) in the First Schedule to the Ordinance to increase the rate of stamp duty—
 - (a) chargeable on a contract note for the sale or purchase of any Hong Kong stock (not being jobbing business)—from 0.1% to 0.13%; and
 - (b) chargeable on a transfer operating as a voluntary disposition inter vivos or made for the purpose of effectuating a transaction whereby the beneficial interest in Hong Kong stock passes otherwise than on sale and purchase—from 0.2% to 0.26%.