

Kiribati - Legislation

THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI  
PUBLIC UTILITIES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1997  
(No. 22 of 1997)

I assent  
Beretitenti  
29/12/1997

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ORDINANCE (CAP. 83) TO  
ALLOW GENERATION OF POWER BY PERSONS OTHER THAN THE PUBLIC  
UTILITIES BOARD IN CERTAIN CASES

Made the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti.

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Utilities (Amendment) Act 1997.

**Amendment of section 6**

2. Section 6 of the Public Utilities Ordinance (Cap. 83) is amended in subsection (1) by:-

- (a) repealing the word "Subsection" where it first appears and substituting the word "Subsections"; and
- (b) inserting after "(2)" the words "and (3)".

3. Section 6 of the Public Utilities Ordinance (Cap. 83) is amended in subsection (3) by adding at the end of that subsection the following proviso:-

"Provided that it shall not be an offence if the owner or occupier of any premises generates or distributes electricity within an Electricity Supply area for use in those premises where:-

- (a) the Board under normal circumstances supplies power to those premises; and
- (b) the Board is unable to supply Electricity to those premises during a period of time for any reason; or
- (c) following such a period of time, that person continues to generate or distribute electricity for any further period of time during which that person does not know that the Board has in the meantime restored the electricity supply to the premises."

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1997**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Act amends the Public Utilities Ordinance (Cap. 83) to make it lawful within an Electricity supply area for persons to generate and distribute electricity to their premises during times when the Board is unable to supply power to those premises, without written permission from the Board.

Michael N. Takawebwe

Attorney General

10 October 1997

**CERTIFICATE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU**

I certify that the above Act was on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1997 passed by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on a Certificate of Urgency under section 68(3)(a) of the Constitution,

Hon. Tekiree Tamuera

Speaker of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

***PUBLISHED BY EXHIBITION AT THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU***

***THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 1997***

***CLERK***

***OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU***