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**Bill**

*to amend the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020 (XII of 2020)*

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient to amend the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020 (XII of 2020) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act shall be called the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 5, Act XII of 2020.** - In the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020 (XII of 2020), in section 5, after sub-section 3, the following sub-section (4) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(4) Any person aggrieved by a decision of Ombudsman under sub-section (1), may, within thirty days of decision, make a representation to the President, who may pass such order thereon as he may deem fit."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020 (XII of 2020) provides for protection of rights of ownership and possession of properties owned by women ensuring that such rights are not violated by means of harassment, coercion, force or fraud. Section 5 of the said Act empower the Ombudsman to pass orders on complaints filed before her in respect of title or possession of property to the complainant. However, there was no forum of appeal or representation against the orders of Ombudsman. Hence to ensure fair and just adjudication of the case, an amendment was introduced in the said Act to provide for rights of representation against the said orders within thirty days.

**Minister-in-Charge**