

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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BILL

to amend the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 (XVII of 2021), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act shall be called the Special Technology Zones Authority (Amendment) Act, 2025

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 6, Act XVII of 2021.— In the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 (XVII of 2021), in section 6, in sub-section (2),—

(a) the words “and the Independent” shall be omitted; and

(b) for full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that the independent members shall be appointed for a term of four years by the Prime Minister on recommendation of the Secretary of the Division concerned.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Pursuant to the direction of the Federal Cabinet, in Case No.243/30/2022 dated 11th October, 2022, to go through the laws/rules and suggest amendments to delegate the authority from the level of the Federal Government/Federal Cabinet to an appropriate lower authority, the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 was examined in consultation with Law & Justice Division. Section 6(2) of the Act ibid provides that the Independent Members of the Board of Governors of the Authority shall be appointed by the Federal Government. In order to delegate the authority from the Federal Government to lower appropriate authority in the proposed law it has been proposed that the independent Members of the Board of Governors of the Authority shall be appointed by the Prime Minister on recommendation of the Secretary of the Division concerned.

2. The Bill titled "Special Technology Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024" has been designed to achieve the above stated objective.

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