

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Trade Organization Act, 2013 (II of 2013) 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 Trade Organizations (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025.

(2) This Act shall come into force at once and shall be always deemed to have taken effect on and from commencement of the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2025 (IV of 2025).

2. Amendment of section 11, Act II of 2013.- In the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (II of 2013), in section 11, sub-section (1A) shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The election for the federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and industry (FGCCI) was held in 2024 with the tenure lasting until December 31, 2025 however, next elections is Scheduled for December 2025. The burning issue of the FPCCI was effectively addressed by extending the tenure of its members from one year to two years through the trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2022 for the smooth operations of the FPCCI as well as other trade organizations.

2. It is submitted that a new issue arose after the enactment of the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2025, (IV of 2025). Under the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2025, the two years tenure for office bearers under sub-section (1) of section 11 shall apply only to those elected on or after the enactment of the trade organizations (Amendment) Act, 2025, (IV of 2025). Furthermore, the Act stipulates that elections for all trade organizations should be afresh after the enactment of the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2025, (IV of 2025). This provision is

disruptive to the smooth functioning of trade bodies, particularly the federation, chambers, and Association.

3. It is in the interest of the organizations and all trade bodies that the election to be conducted in accordance with the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2022, to ensure the continued smooth operation of bodies established under the Act. Therefore, it is essential to omit sub-section (1A) of section 11 of the Trade Organizations Act, 2013, as inserted by the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2025, (IV of 2025) from the date of its enactment.

4. The bill has been designed to achieve the aforementioned objectives.

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