

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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further to amend the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (XXII of 2002), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Section 6, Ordinance XXII of 2002.- In the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (XXII of 2002), in section 6, after sub-section (4), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely,-

**"(4A) The Members referred to in entry (7) of sub- section (2), shall be a person possessing qualifications, and at least fifteen years' experience in public administration, economics, Law, finance, engineering or related technical fields."**

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Qualifications are considered as one of the core instruments for governing and regulating an organization. By being linked to access to occupations and professions, qualifications define what a person needs to know and be able to do to carry out a certain responsibility. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 prescribes the provisions regarding Private Members of the Authority without providing any requisite of the qualifications for them. In order to bring the law in conformity with global best practices, the amendment is proposed to prescribe qualifications for the private members, with an aim to ensure competence and effective management of the affairs and responsibilities of the Board as well as Public Procurement Regulatory Authority. This Bill is designed to achieve the above objectives.

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