

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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BILL

to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (II of 2013) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to promote and foster Industrial growth and to ensure cooperation amongst all industrial organizations, associations, groups and bodies in the attainment of industrial and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to strengthen the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry by constituting an autonomous body of the industrial sector at all levels to ensure effective representation of the industries of Pakistan;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2014.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Section 2, Act II of 2013.- In the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (II of 2013), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 2, -

“(i) after paragraph (b), the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely: -

(bb) “Chamber of Industry” means a body of so many persons representing industries, and industrialists as hereafter admitted as members, as per the law in force for the time being, shall constitute a chamber of industry with liability limited, and may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to change and alter the same at their pleasure.

(ii) after paragraph (f), the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely: -

(ff) "Industry" means an activity directly or indirectly related with manufacturer, production, construction and processing of raw material including industrial ownership."

3. Amendment of Section 3, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in Section 3, in sub-section (2),-

"(i) in paragraphs (b) and (c), after the words "Commerce and" a slash and word "/or" shall be inserted;

(ii) in paragraph (e), in the proviso, the word "and" occurring at the end shall be omitted;

(iii) in paragraph (f), for the full stop occurring at the end a semi-colon and word ";and" shall be substituted and thereafter, the following new paragraph shall be added, namely: -

(g) a Chamber of Industry organized on all Pakistan basis to represent industries, industrialist, with activities directly or indirectly related with the manufacturing, production, construction and processing of raw material, provided that they otherwise qualify to for a chamber under this Act."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill is designed to achieve the following objectives: -

1. to promote and foster industrial growth in Pakistan and to cooperate with the Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Federal and Provincial Governments and their associations in the attainment of such objective;

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2. to promote, protect and effectively safeguard the interests of persons connected with industrial undertakings in Pakistan;
3. to represent and express on industrial, commercial and economic matters the opinions of the industrial community in the Pakistan and to aid, assist and co-operate with others in such representation and expression;
4. to advise and communicate on economic and industrial matters with public authorities, industrial associations, bodies and groups and with similar associations in other places and with individuals;
5. to foster fellow-feeling and co-operation among industrialists, workers and consumers in all matters of common interest;
6. to resolve and settle disputes amongst members of the Chamber in the larger interest of the economic development of the country and industrial growth;
7. to promote and take all action necessary to expand the exports of industrial goods of Pakistan all over the world;
8. to collect and circulate statistics and other information relating to industrial, commercial and economic matters;
9. to publish industrial, economic, commercial, scientific, technical and vocational journals and literature and to propagate and provide means and measures for industrial education in Pakistan;
10. to organize, establish and assist in organizing and establishing vocational and industrial training institutions on all Pakistan basis and to arrange and assist in specialized training of personnel of members;
11. to organize and participate in industrial exhibitions and seminars at all levels;

12. to assist and provide facilities for industrial research and to take necessary steps to further the introduction of more efficient manufacturing techniques;
13. to do such other matters as may be necessary to carry out the objects of the Chamber.
14. to ensure establishment and management of organized industrial zones for the improvement of the industrial sector besides re-organizing the existing industrial zones to meet the challenges of the modern world; and
15. to ensure visa assistance to the members in coordination with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and foreign missions in Pakistan.

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