

**INTRODUCED ON 16.01.2023.**

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

**A  
BILL**

*further to amend the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act,  
1996*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act, 1996 (VI of 1996), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

**1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 34, Act VI of 1996.-** In the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act, 1996 (VI of 1996), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 34, in sub-section (2), after the words, "Federal Government", the words, "and both Houses of the Parliament" shall be inserted.

**3. Amendment of section 36, Act VI of 1996.-** In the said Act, in section 36, in sub-section (1) , after the words, "Federal Government", the words, "and both Houses of the Parliament" shall be inserted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority established through the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act, 1996, performs a very important role in establishing an efficient standardization of the regime for the uplift of our economy. In this regard, the performance, as well as the financial audit of the authority, holds special significance which should pass through a meticulous oversight of the public representatives. The Auditor General of Pakistan is appointed under the Constitution of the country. His reports are laid before the National, Provincial, and District Assemblies and are considered in the Public Accounts Committee of the respective Assemblies. His mandate enables him to strengthen legislative oversight by providing an independent and objective assessment of the process of governance both at the Federal and Provincial levels. The purpose of the bill is to strengthen Parliamentary oversight over the AGP's reports on Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority to be laid in both Houses of the Parliament.

2. The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforementioned purpose.

**SENATOR DR. ZARQA SUHARWARDY TAIMUR  
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**

