

**[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]**

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**BILL**

*further to amend the laws relating to the Higher Education Commission*

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient further to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance No. LIII of 2002) and the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance No. X of 2021), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

- 1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Bill shall be called the Higher Education Commission (Second Amendment) Bill, 2021.  
  
(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.
- 2. Amendment of section 2, Ordinance No. IX of 2021.-** In the Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (IX of 2021), in section 2,-
  - (A) In clause (a), after the word "substituted", the words "and shall always be deemed to have been so substituted" shall be inserted; and
  - (B) In clause (b), after the expression "sub-section (5)", occurring for the second time, the expression "as amended," shall be inserted.
- 3. Amendment of section 6, Ordinance No. LIII of 2002.-** In the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002), in section 6, for sub-section (3),-
  - (A) In the rider clause, for the word "ten", the word "thirteen" shall be substituted; and
  - (B) In clause (c), for the word "two", the word "five" shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of section 2, Ordinance No. IX of 2021.-** In the Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (IX of 2021), in section 3, for the expression “The Government shall appoint an Executive Director on the recommendation of the Ministry of Federal Education”, the expression “The Commission shall appoint an Executive Director in the prescribed manner” shall be substituted.

#### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

In the new knowledge economies of 21<sup>st</sup> Century educational standards are shaping the destinies of nations. Particularly, in post-COVID era, the paradigm of Higher Education System and its delivery mode has undergone tremendous changes.

2. In order to align the Higher Education Commission with the fast-changing environment, the process and criteria of tenured appointments need to be reviewed so that the incumbents may keep pace with the changing eco-system of 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.
3. The Bill is designed to achieve the afore-said objectives.

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