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**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIES
AND PRODUCTION**

ON

**A BILL TO AMEND THE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AUTHORITY
ORDINANCE, 1980 [THE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AUTHORITY
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023]**

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Presented by:

SENATOR KHALIDA ATEEB

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I, Senator Khalida Ateeb, Chairperson, Senate Standing Committee on Industries and Production, has the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on Bill to amend the Export Processing Zones Authority Ordinance, 1980 [The Export Processing Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023] introduced on 3rd April, 2023 by Senators Faisal Saleem Rehman, Dilawar Khan, Manzoor Ahmed and Hidayat Ullah and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is given as under:-

1	Senator Khalida Ateeb	Chairperson
2	Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani	Member
3	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
4	Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman	Member
5	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
6	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member
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8	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
9	Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani	Member
10	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
11	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
12	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
13	Senator Dilawar Khan	Mover
14	Senator Manzoor Ahmed	Mover
15	Minster For Industries Production	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the bill in its meeting held on 5th April, 2022 with following in attendance:

1	Senator Khalida Ateeb	Chairperson
2	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
3	Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman	Member
4	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
5	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
6	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member

4. Secretary Industries and Production and Director IP Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) discussed the bill and the Ministry as well as the EPZA were in favor of the amendment proposed in the bill. They proposed amendment in Section 9A in sub section (1) the word "shall" be replaced with the word "may" and in the Proviso colon shall be added after the word Zone and rest of the words would be omitted from the proviso and new proviso shall be added as

"Provided further that the private and public participated export processing zones may be established in the area contiguous to the industry or industries so declared under sub section (1)."

5. The Committee members agreed with the proposed amendments of Ministry of Industries and Production and EPZA, accordingly in the light of detailed discussion, the Committee unanimously voted in favor of the Bill and recommended that the "Export Processing Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023" as reported by the Committee may be passed

Annex - Copy of the bill as introduced in Senate is at Annex-3.

(MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR SIDDIQUE)
Secretary Committee

(SENATOR KHALIDA ATEEB)
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Islamabad, the
5th April, 2023.

[AS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE]

**A
BILL**

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WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Export Processing Zones Authority Ordinance, 1980 (IV of 1980) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

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(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Ordinance IV of 1980.- In the Export Processing Zones Authority Ordinance, 1980 (IV of 1980), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 2,-

(a) after paragraph (d), the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

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(b) for paragraph (k), the following shall be substituted, namely: -

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3. Insertion of section 9A, Ordinance IV of 1980.- In the said Ordinance, after section 9, the following new section shall be inserted, namely: -

"9A. Establishment of Private and Public Participated Export Processing Zones. - (1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Federal Government establish Private and Public Participated Export Processing Zones;

Provided that existing industry or industries, as the case may be, subject to fulfillment of criteria, may be declared part of a Private and Public Participated Export Processing Zone:

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(2) The Private and Public Participated Export Processing Zones established under sub-section (1) shall operate subject to such terms approved by the Federal Government."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

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