

ABBOZZ TA' LIĠI
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ATT biex jemenda l-Att dwar il-Kunsill Malti għall-Iżvilupp Ekonomiku u Soċjali.

IL-PRESIDENT bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità tal-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej:-

1. It-titolu fil-qosor ta' dan l-Att huwa l-Att tal-2012 li jemenda l-Att dwar il-Kunsill Malti għall-Iżvilupp Ekonomiku u Soċjali, u dan l-Att għandu jinqara u jinftiehem haġa waħda mal-Att dwar il-Kunsill Malti għall-Iżvilupp Ekonomiku u Soċjali, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjah "l-Att prinċipali".

Titolu fil-qosor.
Kap.431

2. L-artikolu 4 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(1) is-subartikolu 1(ċ) tiegħu għandu jiġi sostitwit b'dan li ġej:

Emenda tal-artikolu 4 tal-Att prinċipali.

"(ċ) tnax-il persuna, nominati kif ġej:

(i) għaxar persuni nominati mill-korpi kostitwiti li jirrapreżentaw organizzazzjonijiet nazzjonali ta' min ihaddem u ta' haddiema; u

(ii) iċ-*Chairperson* tal-Kumitat Reġjonali Għawdex, *ex officio*; u

(iii) iċ-*Chairperson* tal-Kumitat tas-Soċjetà Ċivili, *ex officio*.

L-organizzazzjonijiet u korpi kostitwiti imsemmija fis-subparagrafu (i) għandhom jiġu elenkati f'Avviż

pubblikat fil-Gazzetta, u liema Avviż għandu wkoll jindika n-numru ta' membri li jirrapprezentaw kull organizzazzjoni u korp kostitwit.";

(2) fis-subartikolu (2)(a) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "setturi jew organizzazzjonijiet" għandhom jiġu sostitwiti l-kliem "setturi, organizzazzjonijiet jew kumitati".

Emenda tal-artikolu 6 tal-Att prinċipali.

3. L-artikolu 6 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi sostitwit b'dan li ġej:

"Kumitat tas-Socjetà Civili.

6. (1) Għandu jkun hemm Kumitat tas-Socjetà Ċivili permanenti li għandu, safejn dan ikun possibbli, jirrapprezenta s-socjetà ċivili Maltija u li għandu jiġi konsultat mill-Kunsill dwar dawk il-ħwejjeġ li l-Kunsill jista', fid-diskrezzjoni tiegħu, jirreferi lilu.

(2) Il-membri tal-Kumitat għandhom jiġu mahtura mill-Prim Ministru bil-parir tal-Ministru responsabbli għal konsultazzjoni u *Chairperson* tal-Kunsill u għandhom jiġu elenkati f' Avviż maħruġ mill-Prim Ministru u pubblikat fil-Gazzetta. Il-ħatriet għandhom isiru għal perjodu ta' sentejn li għandu jibda' fid-data tal-ħatra.

(3) I-*Chairperson* tal-Kumitat għandu jiġi elett mill-membri tal-Kumitat stess b'maġġoranza sempliċi, għal terminu ta' sentejn. I-*Chairperson* ma jkunx eligibbli biex li jerga jiġi elett sa ma jgħaddu erba' snin mit-tmiem tal-ħatra tiegħu f'dik il-kariga.

(4) I-*Chairperson* tal-Kunsill għandu jsejjaħ l-ewwel laqgħa tal-Kumitat mhux aktar tard minn ħmistax-il gurnata wara li jkun ġie mahtur bl-elezzjoni ta' *Chairperson* tal-Kumitat bhala l-għan uniku ta' dik il-laqgħa. I-*Chairperson* tal-Kunsill għandu jwettaq l-atti kollha preliminari u meħtieġa biex jiżgura l-elezzjoni b'mod ordnat ta' *Chairperson* mill-membri tal-Kumitat.

(5) I-*Chairperson* tal-Kumitat għandu jkun membru tal-Kunsill, *ex officio*.

(6) Il-Kumitat jista' jaġixxi minkejja xi vakanza fin-numru tal-membri tiegħu, sakemm ikun hemm *quorum* preżenti f'dik il-laqgħa.

(7) Il-Kunsill għandu jaddotta regoli ta' proċedura li għandhom jirregolaw il-proċeduri tal-Kumitat u jistabilixxi l-*quorum* għal-laqgħat tal-Kumitat. Dawn ir-regoli għandhom ikunu konsistenti ma' kull regolament magħmul taħt l-artikolu 15.

Kumitat
Reġjonali
Għawdex.

6A. (1) Għandu jkun hemm Kumitat Reġjonali għal Għawdex permanenti li għandu, safejn dan ikun possibbli, jirrappreżenta l-gżira ta' Għawdex u l-komunità, organizzazzjonijiet ta' min iħaddem u ta' ħaddiema, organizzazzjonijiet ta' soċjetà ċivili u kunsilli lokali li l-għanijiet tiegħu jkun li jiffoka fuq affarijiet dwar Għawdex fl-oqsma ta' interess ta' dawn l-organizzazzjonijiet. Il-Kumitat għandu jkun konsultat mill-Kunsill dwar il-kwistjonijiet kollha li l-Kunsill jista', fid-diskrezzjoni tiegħu, jirreferi lilu.

(2) Il-membri tal-Kumitat għandhom jiġu maħtura mill-Prim Ministru bil-parir tal-Ministru responsabbli għal konsultazzjoni u *Chairperson* tal-Kunsill u għandhom jiġu elenkati f'Avviż maħruġ mill-Prim Ministru u ppubblikat fil-Gazzetta. Il-ħatriet għandhom isiru għal perjodu ta' sentejn li għandu jibda' fid-data tal-ħatra.

(3) *Chairperson* tal-Kumitat għandu jiġi elett mill-membri tal-Kumitat stess b'magħġoranza sempliċi, għal terminu ta' sentejn. *Chairperson* ma jkunx eliġibbli biex li jerga jiġi elett sa ma jgħaddu erba' snin mit-tmien tal-ħatra tiegħu f'dik il-kariga.

(4) *Chairperson* tal-Kunsill għandu jsejjaħ l-ewwel laqgħa tal-Kumitat mhux aktar tard minn ħmistax-il gurnata wara li jkun gie maħtur bl-elezzjoni ta' *Chairperson* tal-Kumitat bħala l-għan uniku ta' dik il-laqgħa. *Chairperson* tal-Kunsill għandu jwettaq l-atti kollha preliminari u meħtieġa biex jiżgura l-elezzjoni b'mod ordnat ta' *Chairperson* mill-membri tal-Kumitat.

(5) *Chairperson* tal-Kumitat għandu jkun membru tal-Kunsill, *ex officio*.

(6) Il-Kumitat jista' jaġixxi minkejja xi vakanza fin-numru tal-membri tiegħu, sakemm ikun hemm *quorum* preżenti f'dik il-laqgħa.

(7) Il-Kunsill għandu jaddotta regoli ta' proċedura li għandhom jirregolaw il-proċeduri tal-Kumitat u jstabilixxi l-*quorum* għal-laqgħat tal-Kumitat. Dawn ir-regoli għandhom ikunu konsistenti ma' kull regolament magħmul taħt l-artikolu 15."

Emenda tal-artikolu 15 tal-Att prinċipali.

4. L-artikolu 15 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi sostitwit b'dan li ġej:

"Setgħa li jsiru regolamenti.

15. Il-Prim Ministru jista' jagħmel regolamenti b'mod ġenerali biex jagħti effett lid-disposizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att u għat-twettiq aħjar ta' kull waħda mid-disposizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att inklużi regolamenti li jstabilixxu l-kriterji li għandhom jintużaw għall-kif ikun kompost il-Kumitat tas-Socjetà Ċivili u l-Kumitat Reġjonali Ghawdex, in-numru ta' membri u kull materja oħra għall-funzjonament xieraq ta' dawn il-Kumitati."

Disposizzjonijiet transitorji.

5. (1) B'effett immedjat mill-bidu fis-seħh ta' dawn l-emendi, il-ħatra tal-Membri kollha tal-Kumitat tas-Socjetà Ċivili u tal-Kumitat Reġjonali Ghawdex, għandha tiġi terminata u l-Prim Ministru għandu jipproċedi biex jahtar membri ġodda għal dawn il-Kumitati, kemm jekk kienu membri preċedenti tal-Kumitati jew mod ieħor, skont l-artikoli 6(2) u 6A(2) tal-Att prinċipali kif emendat b'dan l-Att.

(2) Minkejja d-disposizzjonijiet tal-artikoli 6(2) u 6A(2) tal-Att prinċipali kif emendat b'dan l-Att, l-ewwel ħatra tal-membri kollha tal-Kumitat tas-Socjetà Ċivili u tal-Kumitat Reġjonali Ghawdex, u taç-*Chairpersons* rispettivi, għandha tkun sal-perjodu li jintemm fil-31 ta' Diċembru, 2013, sakemm il-ħatra tagħhom ma tiġix terminata qabel skont xi regolamenti li jistgħu jsiru taħt l-artikolu 15 u minn hemm 'il quddiem, il-ħatra tagħhom għandha tiġi regolata bl-imsemmija artikoli 6 u 6A tal-Att prinċipali kif emendat b'dan l-Att u b'xi regolamenti li jistgħu jsiru taħt l-artikolu 15 tal-Att prinċipali kif emendat b'dan l-Att.

Għanijiet u Raġunijiet

L-għanijiet ta' dan l-Abbozz huma sabiex jiġi implimentat tibdil fil-kompożizzjoni tal-Kunsill Malti għall-Iżvillupp Ekonomiku u Soċjali.

**A BILL
entitled**

AN ACT to amend the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development Act.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. The short title of this Act is the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development (Amendment) Act, 2012 and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Short title.

Cap. 431

2. Article 4 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

Amendment of article 4 of the principal Act

(1) sub-article (1)(c) thereof shall substituted by the following:

"(c) twelve persons, nominated as follows:

(i) ten persons nominated by representative national employers' and workers' organisations constituted bodies; and

(ii) the Chairperson of the Gozo Regional Committee, *ex officio*; and

(iii) the Chairperson of the Civil Society Committee, *ex officio*.

The organisations and constituted bodies referred to in sub-paragraph (i) shall be listed in a Notice published in the Gazette, which Notice shall also indicate the number of members representing each organisation and constituted body.";

(2) in sub-article (2)(a) thereof, the words "sectors or organizations" shall be substituted by the words "sectors, organisations or committees".

Substitution of article 6 of the principal Act.

3. Article 6 of the principal Act shall substituted by the following:

"Civil
Society
Committee.

6. (1) There shall be a standing Civil Society Committee which shall, as much as possible, be representative of Maltese civil society and which shall be consulted by the Council on all those issues which the Council may, in its discretion, refer to it.

(2) The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Prime Minister upon the advice of the Minister responsible for dialogue and the Chairperson of the Council and shall be listed in a Notice issued by the Prime Minister and published in the Gazette. Appointments shall be made for a period of two years which shall commence on the date of the appointment.

(3) The Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee from among themselves by simple majority, for a period of two years. The Chairperson shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of four years from the termination of his term of office.

(4) The Chairperson of the Council shall convene the first meeting of the Committee no later than fifteen working days following its appointment with the election of a Chairperson of the Committee as its sole purpose. The Chairperson of the Council shall carry out all preliminary and necessary acts to ensure the orderly election of a Chairperson by the members of the Committee

(5) The Chairperson of the Committee shall be an *ex officio* member of the Council.

(6) The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy amongst its members, provided there is a *quorum* present at the meeting.

(7) The Council shall adopt rules of procedure which shall regulate the proceedings of the Committee and establish the *quorum* at meetings thereof.

Gozo
Regional
Committee.

6A. (1) There shall be a standing Gozo Regional Committee which shall, as much as possible, be representative of the island of Gozo and its community, employers' and workers' organisations, civil society organisations and local councils whose purposes focus on Gozo affairs in their areas of interest. The Committee shall be consulted by the Council on all those issues which the Council may, in its discretion, refer to it.

(2) The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Prime Minister upon the advice of the Minister responsible for dialogue and the Chairperson of the Council and shall be listed in a Notice issued by the Prime Minister and published in the Gazette. Appointments shall be made for a period of two years which shall commence on the date of the appointment.

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(7) The Council shall adopt rules of procedure which shall regulate the proceedings of the Committee and establish the *quorum* at meetings thereof."

4. Article 15 of the principal Act shall substituted by the following new article:

Amends article
15 of the
principal Act.

"Power to
make
regulations.

15. The Prime Minister may make regulations generally for the giving effect to the provisions of this Act, and for the better carrying out of any of the provisions of this Act including regulations establishing the criteria to be used for the composition of the Civil Society Committee and the Gozo Regional Committee, the number of members and any other matter for the proper functioning of such Committees."

Transitory
provision.

5. (1) With immediate effect from the coming into force of these amendments, the appointment of all members on the Civil Society Committee and the Gozo Regional Committee shall terminate and the Prime Minister shall proceed to appoint new members to such Committees, whether being the previous members or otherwise, in accordance with articles 6(2) and 6A(2) of the principal Act as amended by this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions articles 6(2) and 6A(2) of the principal Act as amended by this Act, the first appointment of all members on the Civil Society Committee and the Gozo Regional Committee, and the respective Chairpersons, shall be made until the period ending 31st December, 2013, unless their appointment is terminated earlier in the light of any regulations which may be made under article 15 and thereafter, their appointment shall be governed by the said articles 6 and 6A of the principal Act as amended by this Act and any regulations which may be made under article 15 of the principal Act as amended by this Act.

Objects and Reasons

The objects of this Bill are to implement changes to the composition of the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development.
