**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 04 of 2024**

**THE PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL MARKETING REGULATORY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024**

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Bill

*to amend the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority Act 2018.*

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority Act 2018 (XXIX of 2018) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**1**. **Short title and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act 2023.

(2) This Act shall come into force at once.

**2**. **Amendment of section 4 of Act XXIX of 2018**.–In the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority Act 2018 (XXIX of 2018), for brevity referred to as ‘the Act’, in section 4:

(a) after subsection (2), the following subsection (2a) shall be inserted:

 “(2a) The Chairperson and the members nominated under subsection (2) shall serve during the pleasure of the Government.”;

(b) for subsection (6), the following shall be substituted:

 “(6) The Director General, on the instructions of the Government or the Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Department, shall convene a meeting of the Authority to discuss and decide a matter of importance which pertains to the functions of the Authority or Market Committees.”; and

(c) for subsection (7), the following shall be substituted:

 “(7) The Chairperson and, in his absence, a member of the Authority nominated by the Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department shall preside over a meeting of the Authority.”.

**3**.  **Omission of section 5 of Act XXIX of 2018**.– In the Act, section 5 shall be omitted.

**4**.  **Amendment of section 15B of Act XXIX of 2018**.– In the Act, in section 15B, for subsection (6), the following shall be substituted:

 “(6) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall vacate offices on the expiry of their terms and the Government may appoint an administrator, not below the rank of BS-17, till the time new Chairman and Vice-Chairman are to be elected and the administrator shall have the same powers as exercised by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.”.

**5. Repeal.**– The Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (III of 2024) is hereby repealed.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**15 March 2024 Secretary**