[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A BILL

to amend the National University of Technology Act, 2018

WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the National University of Technology Act, 2018 (VI of 2018), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. — (1) This Act shall be called the National University of Technology (Amendment) Act, 20214

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of preamble, Act VI of 2018.- In the National University of Technology Act, 2018 (VI of 2018), hereinafter called as the said Act, in the preamble, after the word "fields", the expression "of science, engineering, technology" shall be inserted.

3. Amendment of section 4, Act VI of 2018:- In the said Act, in section 4, ____

- (i) in sub-section (1),—
 - (a) after the word "engineering", a comma shall be inserted; and
 - (b) after the words "capable of", the expression "creating," shall be inserted; and

(ii) in sub-section (2), Clause (xxxvi), occurring for the second time, and clause (xxxvii) shall be re-numbered as clauses (xxxvii) and (xxxviii) respectively.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND REASONS

NUTECH was established as a university through an Act of Parliament in 2018, to create, develop, implement and promote existing and emerging technologies and produce the future employable workforce capable of enhancing industrial growth and economy of the Country. NUTECH needs to integrate knowledge of science, engineering and technology to produce Industry leaders, technopreneurs and technical workforce embodied with the spirit of innovation, discovery, technology creation and allied skills.

Being technology university, the academics and research programs at NUTECH entail acquisition and creation of knowledge in multi-disciplinary sciences, engineering and emerging technologies; hence calls for undergraduate and graduate studies in all above said domains.

In the course of operation, an error was found in the NUTECH Act. A comma, which was originally to be placed in section 4, sub section (1) after the word engineering was missing and also insertion of word "creating" after the word " capable of".

The proposed Bill will provide legal cover and to aligh with the mandate of University through said amendments.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above said objects.

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