

**THE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTS COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL
(No. VII of 2002)**

Explanatory Memorandum

The main object of this Bill is to amend the Professional Architects Council Act in order to make provision for exempting a foreign architect from the obligation to enter into a joint venture with an architect registered with the Council where the foreign architect intends to engage in the practice of architecture in respect of the construction of a building for any prescribed statutory body or Government company.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause

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A BILL

To amend the Professional Architects Council Act

Enacted by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows-

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Professional Architects Council (Amendment) Act 2002.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Professional Architects Council Act.

3. Section 21 of principal Act amended

Section 21 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) –

- (a) by lettering the existing provision as paragraph (a);
- (b) by inserting immediately after paragraph (a) as relettered, the following new paragraph –
 - (b) Subsection (1)b(ii) shall not apply to a foreign architect engaged in the practice of architecture in respect of the construction of a building for such statutory body or Government company as may be prescribed.
 - (c) For the purposes of paragraph (b), “Government company” means a company registered under the Companies Act or the Companies Act 2001 and in which the Government of Mauritius directly or, through another corporate body, owns or controls not less than 50 percent of the entire share capital.

4. Commencement

This Act shall be deemed to have come in force on 1 January 2002.