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## BILL

Further to amend the Allied Health Professionals Council Act 2022 (Act IX of 2022)
WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Allied Health Professionals Council Act, 2022 (Act IX of 2022), for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Allied Health Professionals Council (Amendment) Bill, 2023.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. Amendment of Schedule-I, Act of 2022.- In the Allied Health

Professionals Councils Act, 2022, in Schedule-1, after entry 25, the following new entries shall be added namely:-
"26. Bio-Medical Technology
27. Emergency Clinical Medicine Technology
28. MCH Technology
29. Pharmacy Technology
30. Primary Healthcare Technology
31. Teaching Technology"

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Certain crucial health professions are not included in Schedule-I of the Allied Health Professionals Council Act, 2022. The Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services Regulations \& Coordination has recommended the inclusion of these health professions for the proper functioning of the healthcare system during discussion on the aforesaid Bill. The addition of these professions in Schedule-I will ensure that practicing professionals are adequately trained and qualified to provide quality
healthcare services. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for skilled professionals and provides essential healthcare services to the public. This will not only benefit the healthcare system of Pakistan but will also ensure the provisions of quality healthcare services to the public.

The Bill seeks to amend the Allied Health Professionals Council Act, 2022 (Act IX of 2022), for the above-mentioned purposes.

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