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1. On page 2, before "Definitions", insert

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SCHEDULE

CLAUSE 1

- 1. On page 2, in line 14, after "person" to omit "registered as such in a" and insert "who is registered as such in any of the" and to omit "profession" and insert "professions".
- 2. On page 2, in line 27, after "regulation", insert "or rule".

CLAUSE 4

- 1. On page 3, in line 50, after "national", omit "public works".
- 2. On page 4, in line 1, to insert a new subparagraph:
 - (e) subject to the National Qualifications Frameworks Act, 2008, advise and assist the South African Qualifications Authority as is required under that Act;

- 3. On page 4, from line 1, renumber subparagraphs (e) to (r) to read (f) to (s).
- 4. On page 4, from line 1, to omit "the South African Qualifications Authority Act, 1995 (Act No. 58 of 1995),".
- 5. On page 4, in line 21, after "Minister" insert "or if the council deems it fit and necessary".
- 6. On page 4, in line 25, after "Minister" insert "or if the council deems it fit and necessary".
- 7. On page 4, in line 27, after "gain" insert "and maintain".
- 8. On page 4, in line 29, after "boards" insert ", taking due cognizance of the differences between the professions,".
- 9. On page 4, in line 41, omit "bodies responsible for the establishment of education and training standards in terms of the South African Qualifications Authority Act, 1995 (Act No. 58 of 1995)" and insert "professional bodies in terms of the National Qualifications Frameworks Act, 2008"
- 10. On page 4, in line 46, after "of" insert "section 4 of"

CLAUSE 5

1. On page 5, in line 41, after "the", omit "identification of the type of work" and insert "acts contemplated in section 30(1)".

CLAUSE 6

- 1. On page 5, in line 49, after "professional", omit "for every professional board, each professional designated by the professional board in question" and insert "of each built environment profession"
- 2. On page 5, in line 51 after "Works" insert "who is registered in terms of this Act"
- 3. On page 5, in line 54, after "more", omit "that" and insert "than" and after "persons" insert "who are registered in terms of this Act".
- 4. On page 5, in line 57, after "representative", omit ", of whom at least three" and insert "who".
- 5. On page 6, in line 9, after "If", omit "any professional board contemplated in subsection (1)(a) or the statutory body" and insert "the entity".

CLAUSE 7

- 1. On page 6, in line 40, after "case", omit "my" and insert "may".
- 2. On page 7, in line 6, subsection (5) becomes paragraph (a) and after line 8 to insert the following subparagraph:
 - (b) The new council must be constituted within 90 days of the dissolution of the council in terms of paragraph (a).

CLAUSE 15

- 1. On page 10, in line 18 to substitute "20" for "30".
- 2. On page 10, in line 24, delete "not less than".
- 3. On page 10, after line 31, insert a new subparagraph
 - (g) for the appointment of the professional appointed by the Minister in terms of section 6(1)(a) to be an *ex officio* member of the relevant professional board;
- 4. On page 10, from line 32, to insert "for" at the beginning of subsection (6)(g) to (k).
- 5. On page 10, from line 32, to renumber subsection (6)(g) to (6)(l) to read (6)(h) to (6)(m).

CLAUSE 16

- 1. On page 11, after line 14, to insert the following paragraph:
 - (b) subject to the National Qualifications Framework Act, 2008, advise and assist the South African Qualifications Authority as is required under that Act;
- 2. On page 11, from line 15, renumber paragraph (b) to read (c) and omit "the South African Qualifications Authority Act, 1995 (Act No. 58 of 1995),".
- 3. On page 11, from line 23, renumber paragraphs (c) to (k) to read (d) to (l).
- 4. On page 11, from line 26, omit "South African Qualifications Authority Act, 1995 (Act No. 58 of 1995)" and insert "National Qualifications Framework Act, 2008"

CLAUSE 17

- 1. On page 12, in line 4, omit "South African Qualifications Authority Act, 1995 (Act No. 58 of 1995)" and insert "National Qualifications Framework Act, 2008".
- 2. On page 12, from line 26, omit subsection (5).

CLAUSE 25

1. On page 15, in line 40, after "may", insert "in consultation with the Minister responsible for education and".

CLAUSE 28

1. On page 16, in line 29, after "of" omit "certain" and after "persons" insert "not permanently resident within Republic".

CLAUSE 48

1. On page 24, in line 6, after "professions", to omit "enrolled at any accredited educational institution".

- 2. On page 24, from line 11, omit subparagraph (iii).
- 3. On page 24, renumber subsection (1)(iv) and (1)(v) to read (1)(iii) and (1)(iv).
- 4. On page 24, in line 47, substitute "candidate" for "person".
- On page 25, from line 17, insert the following subsection:(6) Any regulation made under this section must, before final publication in the Gazette, be tabled in Parliament.

CLAUSE 51

1. On page 26, from line 35, renumbering of subsections (2) to (11) to read subsections (3) to (12).