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KAMRA TAD-DEPUTATI

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ABBOZZ ta' Ligi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Byron Camilleri, M.P., Ministru għall-Intern, is-Sigurtà, ir-Riformi u l-Ugwaljanza, f'isem il-Ministru għall-Finanzi u x-Xogħol, u moqri għall-Ewwel darba fis-Seduta tat-13 ta' Marzu 2023.

A BILL introduced by the Honourable Byron Camilleri, M.P., Minister for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality, on behalf of the Minister for Finance and Employment, and read the First time at the Sitting of the 13th March 2023.

ATT sabiex jemenda l-Att dwar l-Arbitru għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji, Kap. 555.

AN ACT to amend the Arbitrator for Financial Services Act, Cap. 555.

RAYMOND SCICLUNA
Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

ABBOZZ TA' LIĠI msejjah

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IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità tal-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej:-

1. It-titolu fil-qosor ta' dan l-Att hu l-Att tal-2023 li jemenda l-Att dwar l-Arbitru għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji u dan l-Att għandu jinqara u jinftiehem haġa wahda mal-Att dwar l-Arbitru għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji, hawn iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjaħ "l-Att prinċipali".

Titolu fil-qosor.

Kap. 555.

2. L-artikolu 2 tal-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

Emenda tal-artikolu 2 tal-Att prinċipali.

(a) it-tifsira "klijent" tiegħu għandha tiġi sostitwita b'din it-tifsira ġdida li ġejja:

" "klijent" tfisser persuna fiżika, inkluż is-suċċessuri tagħha fit-titolu, mikrointrapriża jew għaqdiet tal-konsumaturi;" u

(b) fit-tifsira "klijent eligibbli" tiegħu minnufih wara l-kliem "soġġett għall-ilment rilevanti" għandhom jiġu miżjuda l-kliem "kif ukoll għaqdiet tal-konsumaturi".

Għanijiet u Raġunijiet

L-għanijiet u r-raġunijiet ta' dan l-Abbozz ta' Liġi huma sabiex għaqdiet tal-konsumaturi jkunu kkunsidrati elegibbli sabiex jipprezentaw ilmenti quddiem l-Arbitru għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji u sabiex ukoll l-Att dwar l-Arbitru għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji (Kap. 555) jkun konformi mad-Direttiva (UE) 2016/97.

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**A BILL
entitled**

AN ACT to amend the Arbiter for Financial Services Act, Cap. 555.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

Short title. **1.** The short title of this Act is the Arbiter for Financial Services (Amendment) Act, 2023 and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Arbiter for Financial Services Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Cap. 555.

Amendment of article 2 of the principal Act.

2. Article 2 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) the definition "customer" thereof shall be substituted by the following new definition:

" "customer" means a natural person, including his successors in title, a micro-enterprise or consumer associations;"; and

(b) in the definition "eligible customer" thereof immediately after the words "subject of the relevant complaint" there shall be added the words "and also consumer associations".

Objects and Reasons

The objects and reasons for this Bill are to consider consumer associations eligible to file complaints before the Arbiter for Financial Services and to also bring the Arbiter for Financial Services Act (Cap. 555) in line with the provisions of Directive (EU) 2016/97.