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Debate and voting arrangements for Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bill 2018

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 387/19-10 issued on 4 May 2020, I attach a table on the debate and voting arrangements for the captioned Bill for Members' information.

2. Hard copy of the table (same as the Appendix to Part IB of the Script for the meeting) will be placed on Members' desks in the Chamber before the start of the meeting.

(Dora WAI) for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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Professional Accountants (Amendment) Bill 2018 Debate and voting arrangements

Object of the Bill : To amend the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50) to tighten up restrictions on the use of misleading descriptions by individuals, firms and companies that are not certified public accountants or practice units.

Debate: Clause with no amendment, and clauses -
and the long title with amendments
proposed by Hon Kenneth LEUNGClauses 1, 2 and 3
and the long title

Joint debate on the original clauses, long title and amendments.

Debate theme : Commencement date of the Bill and coverage of the proposed fine

1st group of amendments

Clause 1

- To amend clause 1 by adding a commencement date (i.e. 1 January 2022) to the Bill upon its passage.

Clause 3

- To amend clause 3 in order to specify in section 42(1)(i) and (ii) of Cap. 50 that the proposed increase in the level of fine will be applicable only to those offences relating to the use of misleading descriptions.

2nd group of amendment

Long title

- To amend the long title to specify the scope of the Bill more clearly.

Voting order	Remarks
Clause with no amendment (clause 2) standing part of the Bill	
Hon Kenneth LEUNG's 1st group of amendments	Irrespective of whether Mr LEUNG's 1st group of amendments are passed or not, he may move his 2nd group of amendment.
Clauses 1 and 3 with amendments or without amendment standing part of the Bill	
Mr LEUNG's 2nd group of amendment	Vote on the amendment to the long title

Hon Kenneth LEUNG's amendments

(set out in LC Paper No. <u>CB(3) 387/19-20</u> issued on 4 May 2020)

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