



# Legislative Season Recap - 2022/2023

# PREFACE

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This overview is an outcome of **Influence Public Affairs'** deliberate involvement within Egypt's legislative arena and its meticulous monitoring of activities within the parliamentary corridors. **IPA** has meticulously conducted an extensive assessment of the summarization of parliamentary activities during the third round, second Legislative term. This document stands as a valuable instrument for gaining insights into the achievements and significant occurrences within the legislative landscape during this crucial period.

During the third legislative term, the House of Representatives demonstrated remarkable productivity by conducting about **56 plenary sessions**, totaling approximately **205 working hours**. This exceptional level of activity allowed for robust discussions and debates on numerous legislative matters affecting various aspects of Egyptian society, including the economy and private sector.

The Parliament prioritized the enactment of legislation aimed at fostering economic reforms and driving growth across various sectors. A remarkable accomplishment during this period was the laws endorsement of approximately **188 government-proposed draft laws**. Collectively, these encompassed around **1,684 articles**, strategically aimed at propelling noteworthy progress within the realms of economics, society, and finance. Notably, a subset of the approved laws holds direct implications for the private sector, cultivating a favorable climate for the expansion of businesses and increased investment opportunities.



**56**

**Productive House Sessions**



**188**

**Gov't Draft Laws Passed**



**1,684**

**Total of articles approved.**

# ECONOMIC REFORMS AND LEGISLATION

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Notable legislative measures that benefit the private sector include:



## Investment Sector

- Notable amendments were made to the **Investment Law**.
- Repeal of **state agency exemptions** in investment and economic activities
- Establishment of the **Supreme Council for the Automotive Industry**
- Amendments to **Competition Protection and Monopolistic Practices Law**
- Formalization of **unlicensed industrial establishments**



## Social Welfare and Labor Sector

- Providing facilities to **Egyptians residing abroad**
- Granting Financial Support and Incentives for allowance and incentives for **state workers, the public sector, and pensioners**.
- Legislation addressing **contractual and compensation issues**.
- Amendments to the **Civil Status Law**

# ECONOMIC REFORMS AND LEGISLATION

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## Agriculture and Environment Sector

- Amendments to the **Agriculture Law**
- Restructuring of the **General Meteorological Authority**
- Regulating the **General Authority for River Transport**



## Tourism Sector

- Amendments to the law of establishing **Chambers of Tourism.**



# ECONOMIC REFORMS AND LEGISLATION

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## Energy Sector

- Empowerment of the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources in **contractual matters**
- Amendments to **expanding the authorities** of the Nuclear Power Plants Authority



## Fiscal Legislation Milestones

- Approving the the **final accounts** of the state's general budget of the fiscal year 2021/2022, and the laws of the state's general budget for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

# ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT SECTOR

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## 1. Law No. 73 of 2017 : Amending Provisions of the Investment Law

The approved amendments to the Investment Law include:

- Strict prohibition on seizing or freezing investment project funds, except with a judicial order. Tax debts and social security contributions are exceptions.
- Prevention of administrative bodies from imposing financial burdens on projects without proper approval.
- The incentive ranges from **35% to 55%** of the value of taxes paid in cash, exempt from income tax.
- The Ministry of Finance must disburse the incentive within 45 days, with a delay fee if not met.

## 2. Law No. 159 of 2023 : Abolishing Exemptions Granted to State Agencies in Investment and Economic Activities

- A draught bill to **abolish tax and fee exemptions for state agencies** engaged in economic and investment operations was passed by the House of Representatives. The goal is to **level the playing field** for all economic activity and foster a **fair investment climate**. The action attempts to **strengthen the state's ownership policy** and encourage **private sector participation**. The choice demonstrates the government's dedication to **assisting the business sector and improving the environment for investments**.

# ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT SECTOR

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## 3. Law No. 162 of 2022 establishing the Supreme Council for Automotive Industry

- Establishing the Supreme Council for the Automotive Industry and the Fund for Financing the Environmentally Friendly Auto Industry. The Council is led by the Prime Minister, with the Minister of Industry as the Vice-Chairman, and includes other relevant ministers and experts. The primary goal of the Council is to promote the growth and development of Egypt's automotive industry sector. The law also mandates the creation of a fund dedicated to financing the production of environmentally friendly vehicles. The fund aims to secure resources for advancing the manufacturing of vehicles that do not emit harmful substances or have adverse effects on the environment.

## 4. Amending some provisions of Law No. 3 of 2005 regarding the protection of competition and the prevention of monopolistic practices

- The objective is to update and improve the competition law, promoting fair competition, preventing monopolistic practices, and benefiting consumers and the economy.

## 5. Law No. 19 of 2023: Legalizing Unlicensed Industrial Establishments

- The law enables the Public Authority for Industrial Development to grant temporary operating permits for **up to 3 years** to existing unlicensed industrial establishments. The goal is to facilitate compliance with regulations and environmental requirements during the permit period.

# SOCIAL WELFARE AND LABOR SECTOR

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## 1. Law No. 161 of 2022 Granting Facilities to Egyptians Residing Abroad

- The amendment extends the period for depositing the cash amount required for vehicle import to two months. The law allows Egyptians with valid residence abroad to import one private car for personal use, exempt from taxes and fees. Instead of paying the taxes and fees, the individual must deposit a cash amount in foreign currency to the Ministry of Finance's bank account, equal to 100% of the taxes and fees that would have been paid for releasing the car. After five years, the deposited cash amount will be returned in the local currency equivalent to the foreign currency value at the exchange rate announced by the Central Bank at the time of recovery.

## 2. Law No. 166 of 2022: Granting Cost of Living Allowance and Incentives for State Workers, Public Sector, and Pensioners

- The Manpower Committee approved a draft law for an exceptional cost of living allowance.
- It grants **300 pounds/month** to employees covered by the Civil Service Law and workers not covered by it.
- Public sector companies will provide the same allowance to their employees.
- Pensioners and beneficiaries will also receive a 300 pounds/month exceptional grant.
- The implementation decrees will be issued by the Minister of Finance and relevant ministers.



# SOCIAL WELFARE AND LABOR SECTOR

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## 3. Law Amending Provisions of Law No. 143 of 1994 Regarding Civil Status

- **Law No. 143 of 1994** (Civil Status Law) ensures confidentiality of citizens' civil status data.
- The collected data is considered a national secret and can be disclosed only with written permission from the Director of the Civil Status Authority.
- Records cannot be transferred for non-official purposes, and specific rules govern official transfers.
- Employees with personal relations are prohibited from handling related incidents.

## 4. Law No. 84 of 2017, Contracting, Supplies, and Public Service Contracts Compensation Law, is amended as follows:

- **Article 1:** Establishes the "Higher Compensation Committee" to determine compensation for damages arising from economic decisions during specific periods.
- **Article 4:** The Council of Ministers approves compensation payments based on the Committee's report.
- **A new Article is added** to address compensation requests for damages from specific periods, following the principles and controls set by the Committee.

# AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

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## 1. Law Amending Some Provisions of the Agriculture Law Enacted by Law No. 53 of 1966

- The House of Representatives approved a government-submitted draft law to amend the Agriculture Law .
- The amendment aims to protect **national food security and preserve agricultural land fertility.**
- The focus is on deterring violators who cause erosion, deformation, and land-affecting the national economy and construction or agricultural agricultural production. The approved amendment increases the penalty for violating Article 152 of the Agriculture Law. Violators or those attempting to violate the law will face imprisonment for two to five years and a fine ranging from five hundred thousand to ten million pounds.

## 2. Law No. 25 of 2023 reorganizes the General Meteorological Authority

- Presidential Decree No. 2934 of 1971, establishing the General Authority for Meteorology, is repealed.
- Addressees of the accompanying law must comply with its provisions within six months from the date of implementation of its executive regulations.
- The Prime Minister, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the General Authority for Meteorology, can extend the deadline for a total of two years.

# AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

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## 3. Law No. 167 of 2022 :regulating the General Authority for River Transport

- Law No. 167 of 2022 reorganizes the General Authority for River Transport.
- The aim is to unify and regulate river transport effectively.
- It replaces the previous authority and modernizes navigational infrastructure.
- The Board of Directors now has exclusive rights to license and manage ports and berths on the Nile.
- The law ensures the efficient utilization and development of water transport facilities.

# TOURISM SECTOR

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## 1. Law No. 27 of 2023: Establishing Chambers of Tourism and Organizing their Federation

- The draft law aims to modernize and revitalize the tourism sector.
- It focuses on taking care of the common interests of tourism activity and those involved in it.
- The goal is to support development and enhance tourism's role in the national economy.

# ENERGY SECTOR

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## 1. Laws Licensing the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources to enter into contracts for oil exploration and exploitation

- **Law No. 165 of 2021:** Authorizes the Minister to contract for gold exploration in the Al-Alaqi Valley area.
- **Law No. 169 of 2021:** Grants the Minister the same authority for gold exploration in the Bramiya region.
- **Law No. 168 of 2021:** Allows the Minister to contract for gold exploration in the Atoud region.
- **Law No. 167 of 2021:** Authorizes the Minister for gold exploration in the Hangalia and Umm Oud regions.
- **Law No. 166 of 2021:** Permits the Minister to contract for gold exploration in the Iqat Mountain area and Aswan region.

## 2. The law amends Law No. 13 of 1976 to empower the Nuclear Power Plants Authority for Electricity Generation

- The changes aim to enhance the authority's performance in the nuclear project for electricity generation and water desalination.
- It grants the authority more powers, including permitting the transfer or delegation of employees to other state units or affiliated companies.
- Suppliers, foreign contractors, and subcontractors are exempted from certain taxes and fees related to the authority's projects.
- The law adds new specializations, such as water desalination by nuclear energy, to the authority's tasks.



**In this comprehensive report, IPA has delved into the operations of legislative bodies throughout the previous legislative season. This has illuminated their substantial impact on diverse investment sectors. These thoughtfully crafted measures serve not only to cultivate a favorable business environment but also to align with governmental objectives, thereby amplifying expansion opportunities.**

**IPA maintains a close watch over legislative activities in Egypt, driven by the objective of ensuring that our clients remain well-informed and updated regarding developments pertinent to their industries and interests from a legislative perspective. This approach entails not only monitoring but also active engagement and intervention to ensure the seamless progression of their business endeavors in Egypt, in alignment with legislative updates. This vigilant oversight assumes a pivotal role in assuring that policies resonate with the priorities of the private sector, ultimately nurturing a dynamic investment ecosystem.**



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