

- (b) by the insertion after subsection (2) of the following subsection:
 “(2A)(a) The court may, on good cause shown, extend the period contemplated in subsection (2)(a) in respect of any of the circumstances contemplated in subsection (2)(b) regardless of whether—
 (i) such period has expired or not; or
 (ii) the circumstances occurred prior to the promulgation of the Companies Second Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 17 of 2024).” 5
- (c) by the substitution in subsection (3) for paragraph (a) of the following paragraph:
 “(a) the person is a director of a company or, subject to subsection (3A), 10
 within the [24] 60 months immediately preceding the application, was a director of a company; and”; and
- (d) by the insertion after subsection (3) of the following subsection:
 “(3A)(a) The court may, on good cause shown, extend the period contemplated in subsection (3)(a) in respect of any of the circumstances contemplated in subsection (3)(b) regardless of whether— 15
 (i) such period has expired or not; or
 (ii) the circumstances occurred prior to the promulgation of the Companies Second Amendment Act, 2024 (Act No. 17 of 2024).”

Short title and commencement 20

3. This Act is called the Companies Second Amendment Act, 2024, and comes into operation on a date to be fixed by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.