

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

“THE POLICE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017” MOVED BY
SENATOR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI

Report No.43

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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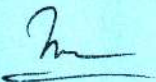
1. Chairman of the Standing Committee on Interior, have the honour to present the report on "the issue raised by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on 18th December, 2017 regarding "The Police (Amendment) Act, 2017" and referred by the House to the Standing Committee on Interior for consideration and report thereof.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Interior is as under:-

1.	Senator A. Rehman Malik	Chairman
2.	Senator Shahi Syed	Member
3.	Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri	Member
4.	Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
6.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
7.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
8.	Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	Member
9.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
10.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
11.	Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani	Member
12.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
13.	Minister for Interior	Ex-officio Member

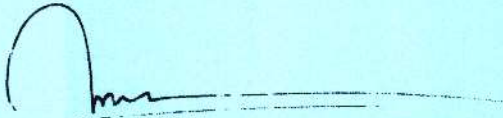
3. The matter was taken up for consideration in the Committee meetings held on 6th February, 2018 and 20th February, 2018. The following Members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

1.	Senator A. Rehman Malik	Chairman
2.	Senator Shahi Syed	Member
3.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
4.	Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani	Member
5.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
6.	Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah	Member

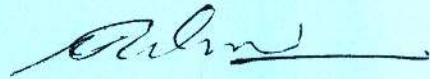


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4. The Mover did not attend the meeting held on 20th February, 2018, however through his written request addressed to the Chairman (Committee) desired for withdrawal of his subject bill. Upon which the matter was placed before the Committee which decided to dispose off the Bill as withdrawn by the Mover. (Bill as introduced in the Senate is Annexed – 'A')



(MUGHEES AHMAD SHAIKH)
DS/Secretary (Committee)



(SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK)
Chairman(Committee)

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

A
BILL

further to amend the Police Act, 1861

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Police Act, 1861 (V of 1861), in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Police (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new section 47A, Act V of 1861.**- In the Police Act, 1861 (V of 1861), after section 47, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

"47A. Dispute Resolution Council.- The Capital City Police Officer for out of court amicable settlement of disputes of petty nature may constitute, Dispute Resolution Councils at District or Police Station level, which shall consist of such number of members and shall conduct its business in such a manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Dispute Resolution Councils already constituted by the Capital City Police Officer shall be deemed to have been validly constituted under this Act and all the actions taken, decisions made or orders passed by such Dispute Resolution Councils shall be deemed to have been validly taken, made or passed under this Act.

Explanation: For the purposes of this section dispute of petty nature means and includes a dispute of small, minor, of less or inconsiderable importance or any cause leading towards a provocation which may lead to a criminal offence."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Police Act, 1861, defines the role, responsibilities and duties of police. This law strives to make the police a professional, dynamic, service-oriented and accountable institution. The out of court settlement of disputes of petty nature can play a critical role in expedient settlement of disputes and in reducing the backlog of pending cases in courts. Police can play a critical role in such out of court settlement. This Bill seeks to assist the police in settlement of such petty disputes, hence this Bill.

SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI
Member-In-Charge