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Bill

further to amend the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924)

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924) in the manner and for the purposes herein after appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act shall be called the Cantonments (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendments in section 2, Act II of 1924.— In the Cantonments Act, 1924 (II of 1924), hereinafter called as the said Act, in section 2,—

(a) the existing clause (i) shall be re-numbered as clause (ic) and before that the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(i) “administrative division” means the division to which business of cantonments stands allocated;

(ia) “advertisement” includes advertisement through sign boards, hoardings, cutouts, neon-signs, pole signs, sky signs and boards, billboards, directional boards, banners, streamers, moppy signs, temporary advertisement structures and stalls, posters, one way visions, hot air balloons and blimps, moving vehicles, electronic display screens including light emitting diode (LED) and surface mounted device (SMD), etc.;

(ib) “armed forces” means the armed forces mentioned in Article 243 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973;”;

(b) in clause (iv), after the word “hut”, the expression “, shop, base transceiver station (BTS) towers” shall be inserted;

(c) after clause (vii), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(viia) “classification”, “re-classification” or “sub-classification” means the classification, re-classification or sub-classification of the military lands and of the lands vested in or entrusted to a Board in the prescribed manner;”;

(d) in clause (x), after the words “sale of milk”, occurring at the end, the expression “but does not include a shop from which milk is supplied only in the properly closed and unopened vessel in which it is delivered to the shop or other place in which milk is sold for consumption on premises only” shall be inserted;

(e) for clause (xiii), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xiii) “executive officer”, “additional executive officer” or “deputy executive officer” means the cantonment executive officer, additional cantonment executive officer or deputy cantonment executive officer appointed under this Act in the prescribed manner and include such other officers as may be prescribed;”;

(f) after clause (xiii), substituted as aforesaid, the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xiiia) “fee” means a fee of any kind and description as may be determined and charged by a Board in the prescribed manner and includes a charge as may be determined in the like manner;”;

(g) after clause (xiv), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xiva) “garrison area” means one of the brigade areas, whether occupied by a division or not, into which Pakistan is for purposes of armed forces for the time being divided and includes for all purposes of this Act any area which the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare to be a garrison area for such purposes;”;

(h) clause (xixa) shall be re-numbered as clause (xixd) and before that, the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xixa) “land use” means the human use of land to represent economic and cultural activities and includes residential, commercial, industrial, mining, recreational uses and such other uses that are practiced at a given place;

(xixb) “land use plan” means a plan drawn up and approved by the Board which provides for the actual land use and proposed land use both in the planned areas and non-planned areas within the local limits of the cantonment;

(xixc) “lay out plan” means a plan of the entire site showing location of plots, building blocks, roads, open spaces, entry, exit, parking, landscaping, etc. indicating the activity for all land parcels;”;

(i) for clause (xx), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xx) “market” includes the place of commercial activity where goods or services are traded;”;