

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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Bill

further to amend the Emigration Ordinance, 1979

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend Emigration Ordinance, 1979 (XVIII of 1979) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Emigration (Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new section 4B, Ordinance XVIII of 1979.- In the Emigration Ordinance, 1979 (XVIII of 1979), after section 4A, following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

"4B. Protection of interests of emigrants against illegal dispossession.- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and overall supervision and control of the Federal Government, upon a complaint received from an emigrant against illegal dispossession of property and after having being satisfied with the supporting documents that complainant has bonafide interest in the property, the Director General shall,-

- (a) within fifteen days of the receipt of complaint, refer the complaint to the Court of Session under the relevant law;
- (b) appoint a legal counsel, with the consent of the complainant, to pursue the matter in the court of law; and
- (c) take all necessary measures to protect the legal interest of complainant.

(2) The Director General shall submit a quarterly report to the Federal Government regarding status of complaints received under sub-section (1)."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The overseas Pakistanis are playing a pivotal role in the development and growth of their motherland by sending large remittances and coming to the help of their brethren every time they were hit by a natural calamity in recent years, however, they are facing with serious issue pertaining to illegal possession of their properties in Pakistan by Qabza Mafia and individual persons. There is need to provide a forum for protection of their legitimate property rights in their absence.

The Bill is designed to achieve the said object.

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