

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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*to amend the National University of Medical Sciences Act, 2015*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to amend the National University of Medical Sciences Act, 2015 (XVII of 2015) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the National University of Medical Sciences (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Section 2, Act XVII of 2015.**- In the National University of Medical Sciences Act, 2015 (XVII of 2015), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after paragraph (xviii), the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

“(xviiiia) “PMDC” means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council;”

**3. Addition of new Section 31A, in Act XVII of 2015.**- In the said Act, after section 31, the following new section shall be added, namely:-

**“31A. Application of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962.**- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the provisions of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962 (XXXII of 1962), shall apply to the National University of Medical Sciences”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) is a body formed under an Act of the Parliament and responsible for the crucial oversight role in medical education including prescribing a uniform minimum standard of courses, conditions of admission and minimum qualifications and experience required of teachers for appointment in any institution for imparting medical education whether in the public or private sector.

These multifarious roles of the PMDC have been laid down in the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962 amended from time to time, the last amendment made in August, 2015.

It is imperative that the National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) being a university of medical education in the public sector should also submit to the oversight and guidance role of the PMDC. Not doing so will not only be a violation of the norm, practice and obligation but also send a wrong message that is best avoided.

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