

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**

Report No.21



***Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics
Control on the issue "The Islamabad Consumer Protection
(Amendment) Bill, 2017" introduced by Senator Muhammad Azam
Khan Swati on 10th April, 2017***

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR & NARCOTICS CONTROL

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, have the honour to present the report on "The Islamabad Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2017" introduced by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on 10th April, 2017 and referred by the House to the Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control for consideration and report thereof.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Interior & Narcotics Control 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 Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz	Member
12.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
13.	Minister for Interior	Ex-officio Member

3. The matter was taken up in the meeting of the Standing Committee held on 18th April, 2017.

4. The Committee disposed of the matter on 18th April, 2017 and allowed to submit the report to the House. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting.

i.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Chairman
ii.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
iii.	Senator Shahi Syed	Member
iv.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
v.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member

SUMMARY

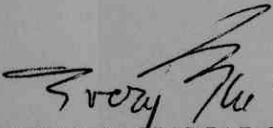
The Bill reveals that in our country and specially in the Capital, Islamabad, a few black sheep are earning money through trade of expired items in the market that cause harmful effect to the public at large. Many of our country men have lost their lives because of such adulterated, expired and harmful items sold in the market. So much so that such harmful items are promoted through marketing.

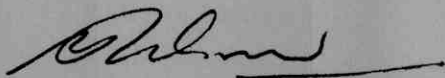
To protect the rights consumers, strict punishment is required for all such traders involved in trading of harmful, adulterated and expired items.

The Mover remained absent in the meeting held on 18th April, 2017, therefore the Standing Committee dropped and not passed the Bill.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee disposed of the Bill with the recommendation that the Bill may not be passed. The Bill is annexed.


(KHALID KAMAL VERYAMANI)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK)
Chairman

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further to amend the Islamabad Consumers Protection Act, 1995

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the *Islamabad Consumers protection Act, 1995* (III of 1995) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Consumers Protection (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 9, Act III of 1995. - In Islamabad Consumers Protection Act, 1995 (III of 1995), in section 9,-

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words "forty thousand rupees", the words "one hundred thousand rupees" shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (2), for the words "thirty thousand rupees", the words "one hundred thousand rupees" shall be substituted;

(c) in sub-section (3), for the word "may" the word "shall" shall be substituted; and

(d) in sub-section (4), for the word "may" the word "shall" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In Pakistan especially in Capital Islamabad people usually carry their business honestly and earn profit but on the other side some people are earning money through illegal and immoral means by selling expire items in the market which is harmful to human health, every year many people lose their lives in Pakistan because of adulterated, expired and thus harmful items being sold in market. These rough businessman and those involved in advertisement, sell and promote these health hazard items used by the people must be taken to task. We must protect common man from these adulterated, expired and harmful to human health items sold in markets.

In the light of Hadith of Prophet (PBUH) about sale and trade that **"A time will come when one will not care how one gains one's money, legally or illegally."** So that law should be strict and the rights of the consumers should be protected and effective remedy should be given to the consumers whose right has been violated and the strict punishment for people who are involved in this cause.

This Bill has been designed to achieve aforementioned purpose.

SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI
Member-in-charge