

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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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.

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