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further to amend the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 (Ordinance No. VIII of 1961), 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 Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new section 9, Ordinance No. VIII of 1961.- In the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 (Ordinance No. VIII of 1961), after section 9, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

"9A. Maintenance of Parents.- Parents, who is unable to maintain himself from his own resources shall be entitled to claim maintenance from his children other than minors."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Insertion of new section 9A in the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 will enable the elderly and infirm parents to claim maintenance from their children. The similar legislation is available with the name of Maintenance of Parents Act (35 of 1965) in Singapore.

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