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BILL

further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015 (X 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 Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act X of 2015. - In the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015 (X of 2015), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, in sub-section (1), after paragraph (jj), the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

"(jja) "Pound" means the premises, where all categories of dogs, whether mad and stray are confined;"

3. Amendment of sixth Schedule, Act X of 2015. - In the said Act, in Sixth Schedule, in Entry at Serial No. 7, in Column No.3, for the amount "Rs. 400", the amount "Rs. 10,000" shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of ninth Schedule, Act X of 2015.- In the said Act, in Ninth Schedule,-

(i) in entry 9, in sub-entry (3), for the expression "A local government may", the expression "A local government shall" shall be substituted; and

(ii) after entry 9 amended as aforesaid, the following new entry shall be inserted, namely:-

"9-A. For the employees of Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad, if proved negligent in dealing with mad and stray dogs, the minimum punishment shall be dismissal from service."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The dog biting incidents are on rise at an alarming rate in Pakistan. Owners or handlers of dogs do not take precautionary measures, while taking them in public. Various incidents were reported, where dogs bit people in front of their owners and they couldn't do anything to stop them. There is a dire need to address this issue by obliging owners to ensure safety of the public at large, when they are on roads with their dogs for walk and recreation, and punish them with a considerable fine, for violating the said law. Similarly, mad and stray dogs also creates fear and danger for people around the country. Hence, this bill has proposed to enhance the amount of fine for owners and handlers of dogs, already provided under this Act, to create deterrence in society. Moreover, the employees of Metropolitan Corporation, Islamabad are made responsible and, if they show negligent behaviour in dealing with mad and stray dogs, the same would be dismissed from service.

2. This Bill is aimed to achieve the above-said objective.

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