

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



## REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

[THE ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022.]

PRIVATE MEMBER BILL INTRODUCED BY  
SENATOR RANA MAQBOOL AHMED  
ON 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER, 2022

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ  
CHAIRMAN SSC ON INTERIOR

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON THE ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022.**

I, Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the honor to present report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015; [The Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government (Amendment) Bill, 2022]. This is a Private Member Bill introduced by Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed in the Senate sitting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022 and referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Interior for consideration and report:

2. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

<b>Senator Mohsin Aziz</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani	Member
Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
Senator Faisal Subzwari	Member
Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
<u>Minister for Interior</u>	<u>Ex-Officio Member</u>



3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

The meeting was attended by the following Members:

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
3. Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani	Member (joined online)
4. Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
5. Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
6. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed	Member/Mover
7. Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
8. Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
9. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member (joined online)
10. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
11. Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
12. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member

4. The Mover briefed the Committee about the objects and reasons of the Bill. The Mover stated that dog biting incidents in the country are rising at an alarming rate due to the reasons that the owners/handlers of the dogs do not take precautionary measures while carrying their dogs in public. Similarly mad and stray dogs also create fear and danger for people around the country. Hence the instant Bill has been proposed to enhance the amount of fines for the owners/handlers of the dogs causing damage to any other person to create deterrence in the society. Moreover, the employees of Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad have also been held accountable for their negligence in dealing with the mad and stray dogs.

5. The Chief Commissioner ICT stated that the Lahore High and Islamabad High Court have already issued injunctive orders of the killing of stray dogs so the ICT Administration

has established stray dogs population control center, however, there is no policy in field right now for stray dogs. He further stated that if the administration takes any action on stray dogs then civil society and animal rights organizations raise their voices against the administration.

6. Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman stated that if any NGO raises voice for rights of stray dogs then such dogs should be handed over to them for their welfare and why the State is bearing the expenses on welfare of stray dogs which are ultimately dangerous for the society.

7. The Members of the Committee were of unanimous view that imposition of penalty of dismissal from service for any employee due to negligence in dealing with mad and stray dogs should be revisited by the Mover.

8. The Mover agreed and following amendment was made in clause 4 of the Bill:-

**“9A. For the employees of Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad, if proved negligent in dealing with mad and stray dogs, the disciplinary action shall be taken against such negligent employee.”**

9. In view of the above, the Bill was put to the vote of the Committee which was unanimously recommended by the Committee with above amendments and the Committee recommended that the Senate may pass the Bill as amended/reported by the Committee.

The Bill as introduced in the Senate is at Annexure-A and the Bill as reported by the Committee is at Annexure-B. The Committee also gave approval of presentation of report of the Committee to the House. Hence, this report is presented to the House.

  
(MUHAMMAD AZAM)  
Secretary Committee

  
(SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ)  
Chairman Committee

**INTRODUCED ON 03.10.2022.**  
**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

**A**  
**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:-

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(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.

**SENATOR RANA MAQBOOL AHMAD**  
**MEMBER IN CHARGE**

## [AS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE]

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