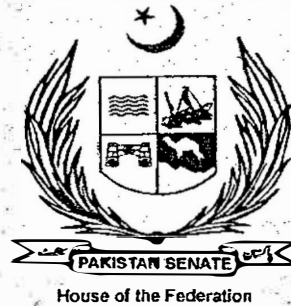


SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

**A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY
CHARITIES REGISTRATION, REGULATION AND FACILITATION ACT, 2021
[THE ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY CHARITIES REGISTRATION,
REGULATION AND FACILITATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023],
(AMENDMENT IN SECTIONS 6, 9 AND 15 OF THE ACT)
INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN
ON 6TH NOVEMBER, 2023.**

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 CHARITIES REGISTRATION, REGULATION AND FACILITATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

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 Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021 [The Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation (Amendment) Bill, 2023], (Amendment in Sections 6, 9 and 15 of the Act), introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan on 6th November, 2023.

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

Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani	Member
Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
Senator Faisal Subzwari	Member
Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
Senator Danesh Kumra	Member
Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member



Minister for Interior

Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee finally considered the Bill in its meeting held on 29th November, 2023. The meeting was attended by the following Members:


1. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2. Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
3. Senator Shahadat Awan	Member/Mover
4. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
5. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
6. Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
7. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
8. Minister for Interior	Ex-officio Member

4. The Mover briefed the Committee about the objects and reasons of the Bill.

5. The office of the Chief Commissioner, Directorate of Industries & Labour Welfare, Industries & Mineral Development Department, ICT Islamabad through their File No.DDI&MD/ICT/PF-6-485 endorsed the Bill as introduced in the Senate.

6. Since the Bill was not opposed by the Government, therefore, the Committee members also endorsed the Bill unanimously as introduced in the Senate. The Bill as introduced in the Senate is at Annexure-A. 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

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further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021 (XXV of 2021) 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 Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 6, Act XXV of 2021.**- In the Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021 (XXV of 2021), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 6,-

(i) for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(1) A certificate of registration issued by the registration authority shall be valid for two years from the date of issuance which shall be renewable after every two years on submission of annual progress reports, audited accounts, application form, fee and such other documents as may be prescribed."; and

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the words "following year", the words "preceding two years" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 9, Act XXV of 2021.**- In the said Act, in section 9, in sub-section (3), for the words "Urdu and English", the words "Urdu or English" shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of section 15, Act XXV of 2021.**- In the said Act, in section 15, in sub-section (4), the word "annual" shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021, was enacted to substitute the obsolete law and make effective provisions of registration and regulation of Charities in the territorial limits of Islamabad. However, the statute prescribes that the certificate of registration issued by the registration authority ought to be renewed each year. Such provision is unrealistic and impractical as the requisite of documentation provided in concerned section for application of renewal is extensive and demands sufficient time to fulfill the obligation. The instant amendment addresses the above anomaly in the law and increases the validity of the certificate of registration from one year to two years, in order to make it practical and executable.

**SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**