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**BILL**

*further to amend the Pakistan Nursing Council Act, 1973*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Nursing Council Act, 1973 (XXVI of 1973), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Nursing Council (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 25, Act XXVI of 1973.-** In the Pakistan Nursing Council Act, 1973 (XXVI of 1973), in section 25, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

“(3) The Federal Government shall lay before both the Houses of the Parliament, a report of the Council after every year, regarding its conducts and affairs during that year, which shall be referred to the concerned Standing Committees of the Senate and National Assembly for examination and report.”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC), as significant participant in the health care delivery system in the country is dedicated to provide support for the professional development and competencies of those who study Nursing, Lady Health Visitors and Midwifery. The aims of PNC also include monitoring for implementation of national standards in Nursing, Health Visitors and Midwifery education and practice by providing Registration /infrastructure and arranging continued educational opportunities for registered member under the Pakistan Nursing Council Act, 1973. The Parliament being mother of all institutions and to discharge the role of oversight, needs to be kept abreast of the performance of the institutions created through the Act passed by it. Hence, this bill aims at prescribing the provision regarding oversight of Parliament upon working of the Council by submission of annual report in both the Houses.

**SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN**  
Member-in-Charge