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Bill

to amend the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012 (XVI of 2012), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act shall be called the National Commission for Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2025

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act XVI of 2012.— In the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012 (XVI of 2012), hereinafter referred to as "the said Act", in section 2, after clause (c), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(ca) "Division concerned" means the Division to which business of this Act stands allocated;"

3. Amendment of section 3, Act XVI of 2012.— In the said Act, in section 3, in sub-section (2), in clause (b), the comma and words, ", Federally Administrated Tribal Areas" shall be omitted.

4. Amendment of section 4, Act XVI of 2012.— In the said Act, in section 4, in sub-section (1), for the words, "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 5, Act XVI of 2012. — In the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012 (XVI of 2012), in section 5, in sub-section (1), after the word "office", the expression ", however, upon the expiry of the term, the Chairperson shall continue to hold office for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty days or until the appointment of a new chairperson, whichever is earlier.".

6. Amendment of section 14, Act XVI of 2012.— In the said Act, in section 14, in sub-section (1),—

(a) in clause (a), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Defence Division" shall be substituted; and

- (b) in clause (b), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Defence Division" shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 21, Act XVI of 2012.— In the said Act, in section 21, for the words "Federal Government", the words "Law and Justice Division" shall be substituted.

8. Amendment of section 22, Act XVI of 2012.— In the said Act, in section 22, for the words "Federal Government", the words "Law and Justice Division" shall be substituted.

9. Amendment of section 28, Act XVI of 2012.— In the said Act, in section 28, in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted.

10. Amendment of section 29, Act XVI of 2012.— In the said Act, in section 29,—

- (a) in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Divisions concerned" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (4), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted and after the word "deputation", the words "as per deputation policy of Establishment Division" shall be inserted.

Statement of Objects and Reasons

The aim and object of this amendment are to bring clarity to the existing legislation and to provide Clarity with respect to the exercise of authority by the Federation. This amendment is pursuant to the direction of the Cabinet in light of the Supreme Court judgment (PLD) 2016 SC 808).

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