

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A

BILL

further to amend the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend The Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943 (VI of 1943), in the manner and for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title and commencement;-(1) This Act shall be called the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) (Amendment) Act, 2025

(2) It shall come into force at once,

2. Amendment of section 1, Ordinance VI of 1943.-In the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943, hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in Section 1, in sub-section (1), after the word "the", the word "Pakistan" shall be inserted;-

3. Amendment of section 2, Ordinance VI of 1943;- In the said Ordinance, in section 2, the expression "and one-half" occurring twice shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 2 of the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943, specifies Pakistan Standard Time (PST) to be in advance of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) by an interval of "five and one-half hours," reflecting the pre-partition difference of time interval, which does not correspond to the actual difference of (plus) five hours between PST and GMT. The proposed amendment intends to remove this discrepancy.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.

-sd-
Minister in-Charge