

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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BILL

to amend the Pakistan Tourist Guides Act, 1976 to the extent of the Islamabad Capital Territory

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Pakistan Tourist Guides Act, 1976 (XXVI of 1976) to the extent of the Islamabad Capital Territory, 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 Pakistan Tourist Guides (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 1, Act XXVI of 1976.**— In the Pakistan Tourist Guides Act, 1976 (XXVI of 1976), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 1, in sub-section (2), for the words "Pakistan and applies to all tourist guides, whereas they may be, the words "Islamabad Capital Territory" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 2, Act XXVI of 1976.**— In the said Act, in section 2,-

(a) after clause (a) the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:-

"(a) "Controller" means the Controller of the department of tourist services;

"(ab) "division concerned" means the division to which business of this Act stand allocated;"; and

(b) in clause (c), after the word "person" the words "who renders service to tourists or any other person by guiding them on tours for remuneration and" shall be added.

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4. Amendment of section 3, Act XXVI of 1976.- In the said Act, in section 3, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "Secretary of the division concerned" shall be substituted;

5. Amendment of section 4, Act XXVI of 1976.- In the said Act, in section 4,-

- (a) for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the word "Controller" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in clause (4), for the words "three years", wherever occurring, the words "one year" shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 5, Act XXVI of 1976.- In the said Act, in section 5, for the words "Federal Government", the words "Secretary of the division concerned" shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 6, Act XXVI of 1976.- In the said Act, in section 6,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Controller" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "Secretary of the division concerned" shall be substituted.

8. Amendment of section 7, Act XXXVI of 1976.- In the said Act, in section 7, the existing rider clause shall be numbered as sub-section (1) thereof and thereafter the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

"(2) Any person, who contravenes sub-section (1), shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine upto rupees twenty thousands and penalty in case of a continuing offence, shall, in addition, be liable to a daily fine of rupees two thousand per day."

9. Amendment of section 8, Act XXVI of 1976.- In the said Act, in section 8, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Controller with the approval of the Secretary of the division concerned" shall be substituted.

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10. Amendment of section 9, Act XXVI of 1976.- In the said Act, in section 9,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), in clause (b), for the words "hundred" the word "thousand" shall be substituted;
- (b) after sub-section (1), amended as aforesaid, the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:
"(1A) keeping in view the consumer price index or inflation, the amount of penalty may be enhanced as may be prescribed; and
- (c) in sub-section (3) for the words "Federal Government", the words "Secretary of the division concerned" shall be substituted.

11. Amendment of section 11, Act XXVI of 1976.- In the said Act, in section 11, for the words "Federal Government", wherever occurring, the words "Secretary of the division concerned" shall be substituted.

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Statement of Objects and Reasons

The Federal Government in Case No. 419/19/2017 dated 08th September, 2017 decided that Word "Federal Government" in all Acts & Rules may be replaced with the word "Appropriate Authority".

The Department of Tourist Services Islamabad under the Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination operates under the following three statutes:-

- i. The Pakistan Tourist Guide Act, 1976
- ii. The Travel Agencies Act, 1976
- iii. The Pakistan Hotels and Restaurants Act, 1976

It is therefore necessary that the word "Federal Government" may be replaced with the word "Appropriate Authority" and revision of penalties. Accordingly three bills to incorporate the amendment in the Acts have been framed in consultation with Law & Justice Division and all relevant stakeholders.

The Bills have been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

(Minister in-charge)