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**[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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**BILL**

**further to amend the Family Courts Act, 1964 (XXXV of 1964)**

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Family Courts Act, 1964 (XXXV of 1964) to ensure expeditious adjudication and enforcement of claims relating to Mata'a by a divorced wife;

**It is hereby enacted as follows:**

**1. Short Title, Extent, and Commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Family Courts (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

**2. Amendment of Schedule, Family Courts Act, 1964.**- In the Family Courts Act, 1964, in the Schedule, after clause (9), the following shall be inserted, namely:- "10. Mata'a for divorced women."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill seeks to amend the Family Courts Act, 1964 to explicitly include matters relating to Mata'a within the jurisdiction of Family Courts, thereby ensuring swift and effective adjudication of rights of divorced women under the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961.

It further aims to strengthen the role of Family Courts in enforcing financial rights of women upon dissolution of marriage, in accordance with principles of Islamic law and constitutional guarantees of dignity, equality, and access to justice.

2. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid object.

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**SENATOR SARMAD ALI**  
Member-in-Charge