

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

A
Bill

further to amend the Passports Act, 1974

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Passports Act, 1974 (XX of 1974), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- This Act shall be called the Passports (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new section 3A, Act XX of 1974.**- In the Passports Act, 1974 (XX of 1974), after section 3, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:—

"3A. **Retention and use of Official Passport by Parliamentarians after Cessation of Office.**- For the purposes of this Act, a retired Parliamentarian who has taken oath as a Member of the National Assembly or the Senate, whether for a full term or for the remainder of the term of another Member, shall, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, be entitled to retain and use the gratis official (blue) passport issued to him or her after ceasing to hold office, notwithstanding that he or she has not completed the term of five years as a Member of the National Assembly or the term of six years as a Senator, as the case may be."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Passports Act, 1974 provides for the issuance and regulation of passports in Pakistan. Currently, there is no explicit provision allowing Parliamentarians, particularly Members of the Senate, to retain official passports after ceasing to hold office if they have not served a full term.

2. The purpose of this amendment is to grant Parliamentarians the right to retain and use the gratis official (blue) passport issued to them during their tenure, notwithstanding that they leave office before completing their term.

3. This amendment brings parity with the privileges available to other high-ranking officials and ensures uniform treatment of persons who have served the State at the highest level.

4. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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