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further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory (Prohibition of Plastic Book Covers) Act, 2026

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory (Prohibition of Plastic Book Covers) Act, 2026 (XXXV of 2026), in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Capital Territory (Prohibition of Plastic Book Covers) (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It extends to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 3 of Act XXXV of 2026.— In the Islamabad Capital Territory (Prohibition of Plastic Book Covers) Act, 2026 (XXXV of 2026), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3, in sub-section (2), clause (a) shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Islamabad Capital Territory (Prohibition of Plastic Book Covers) Act, 2026 (XXXV of 2026) was enacted with the object of regulating and prohibiting the use of plastic book covers within the Islamabad Capital Territory and to provide for matters connected therewith.

During the examination of the provisions of the said Act, it has been considered necessary to review the exceptions and other provisions contained in section 3, particularly clause (a) of sub-section (2) thereof. The continued retention of the said clause is considered unnecessary for the effective application and enforcement of the Act and may result in an exception which is inconsistent with the intended scope and regulatory purpose of the legislation.

It is, therefore, considered expedient to omit clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the said Act. The proposed amendment is intended to remove the said provision and to ensure that the statutory framework relating to the prohibition of plastic book covers remains clear, consistent and capable of effective implementation in the Islamabad Capital Territory.

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