[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Act, 2021

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Act, 2021 (IX of 2021), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 11, Act IX of 2021.- In the Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Act, 2021 (IX of 2021), in section 11.-

(a) in sub-section (1), for the expression "apply for", the expression "use his valid Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) as" shall be substituted;

(b) sub-section (2), shall be omitted; and

(c) in sub-section (3).-

(i) for the expression "upon obtaining the senior citizen card", the expression ", namely:-" shall be substituted;

(ii) in paragraph (d), in sub paragraph (iii), for the expression "maximum concession in", the expression "free of charge", shall be substituted; and

(iii) in paragraph (e), for the expression "twenty", the expression "twenty five" shall be substituted.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Act, enacted in 2021, aims to socially and economically protect the senior citizens of Islamabad, emphasizing the state's duty to offer protection and financial assistance to them. Despite the Act's provisions, the necessary rules

have yet to be framed, and Council have to be established. Consequently, many senior citizens are still not receiving the privileges promised by the Act.

According to the last census, nearly 15 million individuals aged over 60 reside in Pakistan, accounting for 7% of the nation's total population. This figure is projected to double to 12% by 2050, resulting in an estimated 40 million seniors. The elderly face several significant challenges, including poverty, abuse within families, inadequate state-sponsored social security, and health issues. These challenges are often tied to their economic dependency on others.

To address these pressing issues, it is propose that the government grant at least a 25% concession on travel fares for senior citizens and provide free medical services across all government medical institutions and make the necessary rules without any further delay.

This Bill is set forth to achieve these critical objectives.

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