[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Qanun e Shahadat, 1984

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Qanun e Shahadat, 1984 (P.O. 10 of 1984) for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. **Short title and extent. -** (1) This Act shall be called as the Qanun e Shahadat (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 59, P.O. 10 of 1984.-** In the Qanun e Shahadat, 1984 (P.O. 10 of 1984), hereinafter referred to as "the Said Order", in Article 59, after the word "law", occurring for the first and second time, the comma and word "forensics" shall respectively by inserted.

3. **Amendment of Article 61, P.O. 10 of 1984.-** In the said Order, in Article 61, after the word "fact" for the "full stop", a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that in case the opinion formed by the Court is disputed the Court shall refer the case for the report of the expert."

4. **Amendment of Article 84, P.O. 10 of 1984.-** In the said Order, in Article 84, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

"(2A) Notwithstanding anything contained in clauses (1) and (2) whenever the opinion formed by the Court is disputed by any party, the Court shall refer the case for the report of the expert."

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Qanun-e-Shahadat Order, 1984, serves as a critical framework for evidence evaluation in judicial proceedings. However, the rapid advancement of technology, increasing reliance on forensic sciences, and need for authenticated and expert-verified evidence necessitate amendments to strengthen the evidentiary process. This amendment bill not only aims to address these imperatives by introducing a formal recognition of forensic agencies as critical components in the authentication of evidence but also modernize the legal framework, reduce the chances of judicial errors, and build public rust in the judicial process.

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