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PART III

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 15th September, 2020

No. F. 23(81)/2020-Legis.—The following Private Members Bills have been introduced in the National Assembly on 15th September, 2020.

N. A. BILL NO. 85 OF 2020

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BILL

further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement**—(1) This Act may be called the Anti-terrorism (Third Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

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[6068(2020)/Ex. Gaz.]

2. **Insertion of new section 19C, Act XXVII of 1997.**—In the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997(XXVII of 1997), after section 19B, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:—

“19C. **Application of investigation techniques,**— (1) The investigating officer, may with the permission of Court, within sixty days of such permission, use techniques including undercover operation, intercepting communications, accessing computer system and controlled delivery for investigation of financing of terrorism under the law in force. The aforementioned period of sixty days may be extended upto further period of sixty days by the Court on a request made to it in writing. The Court may grant extension, if it is satisfied, on the basis of situation/reasons given in the written request. The provision of this sub-section shall be addition to and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in force.

(2) The Federal Government may make rules to regulate the procedure and execution of orders for the purpose of this section.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Terror financing is one of the major obstacle which is not only playing a degrading role against the development of a country but also imbuing such elements with the financial means which are an ultimate threat against the internal and external peace of the country and the allies to the extent. The genuine purpose behind the introduction of this Bill is to enable the Law Enforcement Authorities *via* aforementioned insertion to take certain countering techniques with an authoritative support of the Courts of Law to curb with these menaces.

Sd/-
MR. FHEEM KHAN,
Member National Assembly.

[N.A. Bill, NO. 86 OF 2020]

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Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860) and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new section 500A, Act XLV of 1860.**— In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), after section 500, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:—

“500A, **intentional ridiculing of the Armed Forces etc.**— Whosoever intentionally ridicules, brings into disrepute or defames the Armed Forces of Pakistan or a member thereof, he shall be guilty of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees, or with both.”.

3. **Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.**— In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), in Schedule-II, in column 1, after section 500, in column 1 and the entries relating thereto in columns 2 to 8, the following new section and the entries relating thereto, shall be inserted, namely:—

“500A	Punishment for international ridiculing of the Armed Forces etc.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	imprisonment for two years, or fine, or both	Ditto”;
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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill proposes amendments in the Pakistan Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure. The proposed insertion of section 500A shall penalise the intentional ridiculing and defaming of the Armed Forces of Pakistan or any of its member. A person guilty of such offence will be punished with imprisonment for a term up to two years, or fined for up to five hundred thousand rupees. The purpose of this amendment is to prevent hatred and disrespectful behavior against the Armed Forces. Strict action should be taken against those bringing disrepute to the Armed Forces institution in accordance with the law.

MR. AMJAD ALI KHAN,
MNA.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.