

[AS LAID BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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ORDINANCE NO. VI OF 2018

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*further to amend the Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992  
(XII of 1992)*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 (XII of 1992) to bring suitable legislative changes in order to further promote documentation of economy in the country;

AND WHEREAS the Senate and the National Assembly are not in session and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called Protection of Economic Reforms (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 5, Act XII of 1992.**—(1) In the Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 (XII of 1992), in section 5, in sub-section (4), for full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that no cash shall be deposited in an account of a citizen of Pakistan resident in Pakistan unless the account holder is a filer as defined in the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001).”

3. **Ordinance to Override Other Laws.**—The provisions of this Ordinance shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Foreign Currency Accounts (Protection) Ordinance, 2001 (L of 2001) or any other law for the time being in force.

## **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 seeks furtherance and protection of economic reforms and has its overriding effect on other laws. In terms of the provisions of this Act, no restriction can be imposed on maintenance or operations of foreign currency accounts and their subsequent transfer abroad. The protections available in the said Act have further been reinforced through Foreign Currency Accounts (Protection) Ordinance, 2001.

This bill seeks to amend the Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 to ensure that only those citizens of Pakistan resident in Pakistan that are tax filers can deposit cash foreign currency in their foreign currency accounts in order to further promote documentation of economy in the country.

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