

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890 (XI of 1890) for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 3, Act XI of 1890.- In the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890 (XI of 1890), hereinafter called the said Act, in section 3, the following shall be amended, namely;

(i) for the words "fifty rupees", the words "one hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted; and

(ii) for the words "one hundred rupees", the words "two hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 3A, Act XI of 1890.- In the said Act, in section 3A, the following shall be amended, namely:-

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words "fifty rupees", the words "one hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted; and

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the words "one hundred rupees", the words "two hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 4, Act XI of 1890.- In the said Act, in section 4, the following shall be amended, namely:-

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words "five hundred rupees", the words "three hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted; and

(ii) in proviso appearing after the sub-section (1), for the words "five hundred rupees", the words "five hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 5, Act XI of 1890.- In the said Act, in section 5, for the words "two hundred rupees", the words "three hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 5A, Act XI of 1890.- In the said Act, in section 5A, for the words "one hundred rupees", the words "two hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 6, Act XI of 1890.- In the said Act, in section 6, for the words "one hundred rupees", the words "two hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

8. Amendment of section 6C, Act XI of 1890.- In the said Act, in section 6C, for the words "fifty rupees", the words "three hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

9. Amendment of section 7, Act XI of 1890.- In the said Act, in section 7, the following shall be amended, namely:-

- (i) for the words "one hundred rupees", the words "two hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted; and
- (ii) for the words "fifty rupees", the words "one hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

10. Amendment of section 15, Act XI of 1890.- In the said Act, in section 15, for the words "fifty rupees", the words "one hundred thousand rupees, but shall not be less than ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Pakistan has a century old law known as the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890 introduced by the British during their colonial rule to provide protection to the animals from human brutality. This Act was amended thrice by the British but unfortunately after the independence, in Pakistan no substantial reforms have been introduced to update the law according to present requirements and to protect the animals from human brutality. We are still following the same minimal penalties and fine amount imposed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890. Therefore, this Bill strives to ensure stricter punishments for the protection of animals from human brutality.

2. This Bill intends to increase punishments to achieve aforesaid objectives.