

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]**

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**BILL**

*further to amend the Pakistan Coinage Act, 1906*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Coinage Act, 1906 (III of 1906), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Coinage (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Addition of section 25, Act III of 1906.**- In the Pakistan Coinage Act, 1906 (III of 1906), after section 24, the following new section shall be added, namely:-

**“25. Act No.X of 2012 not to apply to the Mint.**- The Industrial Relations Act, 2012 (X of 2012) shall not apply to or in relation to any person in the service of the Mint”.

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## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In view of the harmful labour union activities in the Pakistan Mint, Essential Services Act, 1952 was promulgated in 2014 for smooth running of the coinage production. These activities should be permanently banned through non application of Industrial Relations Act, 2012 in the organization being the only coinage entity in Pakistan for the following reasons:-

- i. Pakistan Mint is a sensitive department and declared security key point category 1A where trade union activities should be prohibited.
  - ii. Being the only coin manufacturing organization, stoppage of work can cause currency /coins crisis in the country.
  - iii. Pakistan Mint being services provider to Ministry of Defence and Cabinet Division, Islamabad, manufacture and supply of all types of military and civil awards which are conferred by President of Pakistan to the Armed Forces and dignitaries in the gallantry investiture ceremony on 23<sup>rd</sup> March every year. Any strike in Pakistan Mint as a consequence of Union activities can adversely affect supply of the aforementioned awards for distribution in various ceremonies/events.
  - iv. Pakistan Mint is situated in the densely populated and politically volatile area whereby local bodies functionaries interfere in the operations of the department through workers unions which adversely affects the discipline of the department.
  - v. Before promulgation of Pakistan Essential Services (Maintenance) Act, 1952, workers under the umbrella of labour union (CBA) pressurize the administration for their unlawful demands through their non-employed political patrons which is required to be stopped in the interest of the public.
  - vi. Sometimes labour union activities damage the peaceful atmosphere of the department in the shape of threats, physical torture, go-slow and stoppage of work etc. to achieve their ulterior motives.
3. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objective.

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