

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND INTER-FAITH HARMONY ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE HOLY QURAN (ELIMINATION OF PRINTING AND RECORDING ERRORS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony, have the honour to present this Report on the Bill further to amend the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973 [The Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) (Amendment) Bill, 2015] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Standing Committee on 17th September, 2013.

2. The Committee comprises the following members: -

01.	Hafiz Abdul Kareem	Chairman
02.	Mr. Waheed Alam Khan	Member
03.	Begum Majida Wyne	Member
04.	Malik Abdul Ghaffar Dogar	Member
05.	Syed Imran Ahmad Shah	Member
06.	Sahibzada Faiz-ul-Hassan	Member
07.	Mr. Bhawan Das	Member
08.	Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli	Member
09.	Mr. Tariq Christopher Qaiser	Member
10.	Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali	Member
11.	Syed Amir Ali Shah Jamote	Member
12.	Ms. Shagufta Jumani	Member
13.	Mr. Ramesh Lal	Member
14.	Engineer Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	Member
15.	Mr. Lal Chand Malhi	Member
16.	Ms. Kishwer Zehra	Member
17.	Mr. Pir Bux Junejo	Member
18.	Sahibzada Muhammad Yaquub	Member
19.	Mr. Bismillah Khan	Member
20.	Molvi Agha Muhammad	Member
21.	Sardar Muhammad yousaf	Ex-officio Member

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony

3. The Committee in its meeting held on 14th May, 2015, considered the above-mentioned Bill and recommended that the Bill (Annex-A) as introduced in the National Assembly may be passed.

Sd/-

HAFIZ ABDUL KAREEM

Chairman

Standing Committee on Religious Affairs
and Inter-faith Harmony

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MOHAMMAD RIAZ

Secretary

Islamabad, the 12th October, 2015

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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further to amend the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973 (LIV of 1973) in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

It is enacted as follows

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act shall be called the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) (Amendment) Act, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act LIV of 1973. - In the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973 (LIV of 1973), hereinafter referred to as the said Act,-

(a) in section 2, after clause (aa), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(aaa) “disposing of” means to put printed holy writing in the sea or a river or in clean water stream or to bury it in a proper manner or to recycle it for reuse;” and

(b) after clause (ddd), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(dddd) “martyred or damaged” means worn out pages, illegal writing and sub-standard binding of copies of the Holy Quran;”.

3. Amendment of section 4, Act LIV of 1973. - In the said Act, in section 4, after sub-section (3), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:-

“(4) The recording company shall have infrastructural facilities for disposal of martyred or damaged pages or copies of the Holy Quran.”.

4. Amendment of section 5, Act LIV of 1973. - In the said Act, in section 5, for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) The Federal Government shall prescribe a fine Quran paper for publication of the Holy Quran and shall take measures to prohibit recording companies from improper placement, in any manner, of the Holy Quran or its Ayah. The recording company shall not use any paper except fine Quran paper for publication of the Holy Quran or its Ayah.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is vital to introduce a Bill to ensure error free publication of the Holy Quran on fine quality papers and proper disposal of martyred/damaged Holy Pages and copies of the Holy Quran.

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Major (Retd) Tahir Iqbal