

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

to amend the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000 (XL of 2000), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act shall be called the National Highways Safety (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Ordinance XL of 2000.— In the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000 (XL of 2000), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 2, in sub-section (1),-

(a) After the expression “or context,-”, the following new clause (i) shall be inserted and the existing clause (i) shall be re-numbered as clause (ia), namely:-

“(i) “administrative Division” means the Division to which business of this Ordinance stands allocated;” and

(b) In clause (xli), for the word “Government” the words “Secretary of the administrative Division”, shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 4, Ordinance XL of 2000.— In the said Ordinance, in section 4, in sub-section (3), for the word “Government”, the expression “Minister-in-charge of the administrative Division”, shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 17, Ordinance XL of 2000.— In the said Ordinance, in section 17, in sub-section (1), for the expression “The Government may, in consultation with National Highways and Pakistan Motorway Police,” the expression “The Inspector General of Police may, in consultation with the Prime Minister and”, shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 40, Ordinance of XL of 2000.— In the said Ordinance, in section 40,-

(a) In sub-section (1), for the expression “The Government may, in consultation with National Highways and Pakistan Motorway Police,” the expression “The Inspector General of Police may, in consultation with the Prime Minister and”, shall be substituted; and

(b) In sub-section (2), for the expression “Government may make rules”, the expression “such rules may provide for” shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 42, Ordinance XL of 2000.— In the said Ordinance, in section 42, in sub-section (2), for the expression “The Government, or any agency authorized in this behalf”, the words “Secretary of the administrative Division”, shall be substituted.

7. **Amendment of section 43, Ordinance XI of 2000.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 43, in sub-section (2), for the word "Government", the words "Secretary of the administrative Division" shall be substituted.

8. **Amendment of section 45, Ordinance XI of 2000.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 45, for the expression "Government, or any agency authorized by it in this behalf", the words "Inspector General of the National Highways and Pakistan Motorway Police", shall be substituted.

9. **Amendment of section 46, Ordinance XI of 2000.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 46,—

(a) In sub-section (1), for the expression "Government or any agency authorized by it in this behalf"; the words "Secretary of the administrative Division", shall be substituted;

(b) In sub-section (2), for the expression "Government, or any authority empowered by it in this behalf," the words "Secretary of the administrative Division", shall be substituted; and

(c) In sub-section (3), for the expression "Government, or any agency authorized under sub-section (1), may erect additional signs which in its", the expression "Inspector General of the National Highways and Pakistan Motorway Police, may erect additional signs which in his", shall be substituted.

10. **Amendment of section 47, Ordinance XI of 2000.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 47, for the expression "Government, or any agency authorized by it in this behalf", the words "Secretary of the administrative Division", shall be substituted.

11. **Amendment of section 64, Ordinance XI of 2000.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 64, in sub-section (1), for the expression "The Government may, in consultation with National Highways and Pakistan Motorway Police", the expression "The Inspector General of Police, in consultation with the Prime Minister", shall be substituted.

12. **Amendment of section 68, Ordinance XI of 2000.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 68, in sub-section (2), for the word "Government", the words "Secretary of the administrative Division", shall be substituted.

13. **Amendment of section 93, Ordinance XI of 2000.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 93, in sub-section (1), for the word "Government, the words "Prime Minister", shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The amendment Bill of National Highways Safety Ordinance [XL of 2000] has been introduced in compliance of the following decision of the Federal Cabinet made in its meeting held on 8th September, 2017 under Case No.419/19/2017-C

“All Ministries and Divisions should in consultation with Law and Justice Division, make amendments in the respective Acts/Rules and replace the word “Federal Government” with appropriate authority [ies]”

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