

[AS] INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

To consolidate laws and provide for establishing an Infectious diseases monitoring and control Centre in the Islamabad Capital territory.

**WHEREAS** various infectious diseases are and will be prevalent in Pakistan and in the Islamabad Capital Territory and it is imperative to create a Infectious diseases monitoring and control Centre to maintain a scientific database of detection , diagnosis , prescription and dispensation of medicines and treatment of these diseases so as to control these diseases and educate the masses to reduce the burden of these diseases and reduce their morbidity and mortality in the country, in the national interest and also to fulfill our international commitments and obligations in this regard; and

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to ensure that patients of infectious diseases get included in a database and receive only quality assured (QA) medicines; and to provide for matters ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act shall be called "The Infectious diseases monitoring and control Centre Act, 2022".

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.** - (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the Subject or Context,

(i) "App" means the computer internet and cellular phone application software developed for the purposes of this Act

(ii) "Centre" shall mean The Infectious diseases monitoring and control Centre established under this Act.

- (iii) "**Chairperson**" means the Chairperson of the Council of the Centre;
- (iv) "**Council**" means the Council of the Centre under this Act;
- (v) "**District Health Officer**" means the **District Health Officer** of Islamabad district / Islamabad Capital Territory;
- (vi) "**Government**" means the Government of Pakistan;
- (vii) "**Laboratory**" means a pathological laboratory conducting tests for human diseases;
- (viii) "**Laboratory In-charge**" means the owner of laboratory and includes the person who performs the tests on a specimen in the Laboratory;
- (ix) "**Licensing authority**" means authority for issuing licenses for the business of retail and wholesale of drugs and medicines to Pharmacies and druggists;
- (x) "**License holder**" means a person or pharmacy in whose favor licensing authority has issued a license enabling the retail sale or wholesale of drugs and medicines.
- (xi) "**Local public health facility**" means and includes: all public sector Hospitals, Medical Centres, Rural Health Centres; Basic Health Units, and Dispensaries involved in care of infectious diseases Care in the Islamabad Capital Territory;
- (xii) "**Prescriber**" means a medical Practitioner who is registered with the Medical and Dental Council ;
- (xiii) "**Ministry**" means the Federal Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination, Government of Pakistan;
- (xiv) "**Notify**" means a notification to the relevant officer in the **District Health Office** or local public health facility, of a diagnosed patient of an infectious disease , in accordance with the procedures set forth under this Act;
- (xv) "**Patient**" means a person confirmed to be suffering from infectious diseases on the basis of any diagnostic test;

- (xvi) "**Prescription**" means medicines or drugs prescribed by a registered medical practitioner or registered traditional medicine practitioner;
- (xvii) "**Prescribed protocols**" means any treatment regime recommended by the Centre for any infectious disease;
- (xviii) "**Prescription holder**" means a person in possession of a valid prescription for treatment of any for any infectious disease;
- (xix) "**Presumptive patient**" means a person suspected to be suffering from infectious diseases without any known cause or explanation;
- (xx) "**Privacy and confidentiality**" means that any information relating to patients, their families and contacts, will not be disclosed to any party except the appropriate medical professionals providing care and support to the patient;
- (xxi) "**Quality assured medicines**" means medicines recommended for use by the Prescriber, WHO which recommends a medicine authorized for use in Pakistan by the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan;
- (xxii) "**Registered traditional medicine practitioner**" means a person who is registered under section 24 of the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homeopathic Practitioners Act (II of 1965) as amended from time to time;
- (xxiii) "**Valid prescription**" means a prescription issued by a registered medical practitioner that has not lapsed or been superseded, and has not already been used for dispensing drugs;
- (xxiv) "**Technical Committee**" means a technical committee under this Act.
- (xxv) "**Member**" means Member of the Council;
- (xxvi) "**prescribed**" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (xxvii) "**Public Sector Institution**" means the Institution set up by the Federal Government;

(xxviii) "Secretariat" means the Secretariat of the Council

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3. **Establishment and incorporation of the Centre.**-(1) As soon as may be, the Federal Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Council of the Centre.

(2) The Centre shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with powers, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue or be sued.

(3) The headquarter of the Centre shall be at Islamabad and it may set up its sub-offices at such place or places it may deem fit.

4. **Composition and constitution of the Council of the Centre.**-(1) The general superintendence, direction and management of affairs of the Authority and overall policy making in respect of its operations shall vest in the Council of the Centre which may exercise all such powers and do all such acts, deeds and things that may be exercised or done by the Centre under this Act.

(2) The Federal Government shall notify the members of the Council of the Centre on the recommendation of the search committee constituted under this Act. The following shall be the members of the Council of the Centre

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a	Four persons from Medical field nominated by the Federal Government	Members
b	One member from the National Assembly and one Member from the Senate nominated by the Speaker and the Chairman respectively	Exofficio Members
c	Executive Director of the National Institute of Health	Exofficio Member
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a	Four persons being registered medical Practitioners of thirty years standing in general practice where one shall be a practicing virologist nominated by the Federal Government	Members
b	One member from the National Assembly and one Member from the Senate nominated by the Speaker and the Chairman respectively	Exofficio Members
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