

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON THE ISLAMABAD  
CAPITAL TERRITORY FORENSIC SCIENCE AGENCY BILL, 2022**

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Interior have the honour to present this report on the Bill to establish the Forensic Science Agency in the Islamabad Capital Territory for forensic examination of documents, material, equipment, impression or other objects. [The Islamabad Capital Territory Forensic Science Agency Bill, 2022] (Government Bill), referred to the Committee on 23-05- 2022.

2. The Committee comprises the following:

1. <b>Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2. Malik Sohail Khan	Member
3. Rana Shamim Ahmed Khan	Member
4. Syeda Nosheen Iftikhar	Member
5. Dr. Zulifqar Ali Bhatti	Member
6. Mr. Nadeem Abbas	Member
7. Mr. Sajid Mehdi	Member
8. Mir Munawar Ali Talpur	Member
9. Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur	Member
10. Syed Agha Rafiullah	Member
11. Mr. Asmatullah	Member
12. Mr. Usama Qadri	Member
13. Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Mengal	Member
14. Mr. Nawab Sher	Member
15. Mehar Ghulam Muhammad Lali	Member
16. Mr. Muhammad Asim Nazir	Member
17. Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai	Member
18. Makhdoom Syed Sami-ul-Hassan Gillani	Member
19. Ms. Asiya Azeem	Member
20. Rana Sana Ullah Khan	Ex-officio Member

*Minister for Interior*

3. The Committee considered the Bill, as introduced in the National Assembly placed at **Annex-A**, in its meeting held on 17-11-2022 and recommended that the Bill may be passed by the National Assembly.

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**(TAHIR HUSSAIN)**

**Secretary**

*Islamabad, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2023*

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**(AHMED HUSSAIN DEHARR)**

**Chairman**

## AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

A

BILL

*to establish the Forensic Science Agency in the Islamabad Capital Territory for forensic examination of documents, materials, equipment, impressions or other objects.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish the Islamabad Forensic Science Agency in the Islamabad Capital Territory for the examination of forensic material and rendering of expert opinion in respect thereof before any court, tribunal or other official authority and for matters related thereto;

AND WHEREAS the impartial examination of forensic material and rendering of expert opinion by an independent agency is essential for facilitating criminal investigation and authenticating evidence produced in courts of law;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.** — (1) This Act shall be called the Islamabad Capital Territory Forensic Science Agency 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,—

(a) "Agency" means the Islamabad Capital Territory Forensic Science Agency, established and constituted under section 3;

(b) "authority" includes a police officer, any officer or official, working for any law enforcement agency, a public servant or any other Government official, authorized to hold an investigation or inquiry under any law for the time being in force;

(c) "Code" means the Criminal Procedure Code, 1898

(Act V of 1898);

- (d) "Director General" means the Director General of the Agency, appointed under section 7 of this Act;
- (e) "expert" includes a qualified local or foreign expert, working in a forensic science facility and having established qualification in any field of forensics;
- (f) "forensic material" means a document, material equipment, impression or any other object connected with the commission of an offence, a civil cause or any other proceedings;
- (g) "Government" means the Federal Government;
- (h) "offence" means an act or omission made punishable under any law for the time being in force;
- (i) "police officer" means a police officer, appointed in the Islamabad Capital Territory under the Police Act, 1861 (V of 1861), or any other person who has been conferred with the powers of a police officer under any other law for the time being in force;
- (j) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules and regulations;
- (k) "regulations" mean regulations made under this Act; and
- (l) "rules" mean rules made under this Act.

(2) Words or expressions, used but not defined under this Act, shall have the same meaning as are assigned thereto in the Code.

**3. Establishment of the Agency.**— (1) The Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish an Agency to be known as the Islamabad Capital Territory Forensic Science Agency.

(2) The Agency shall consist of the Director General and such number of experts and officials as may be determined by Government.

(3) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, absorb in the Agency a body, bureau, laboratory or any other facility of Government connected with forensic examination and rendering expert opinion about forensic material.

(4) An officer or an employee of the body, bureau, laboratory or other facility may opt for employment for a relevant position in the

Agency.

(5) The officer or the employee, who opts to become employee of the Agency and is otherwise qualified, shall be absorbed in the Agency in the manner prescribed.

**4. Functions and responsibilities of the Agency.**— (1) The Agency shall —

- (a) establish and operate a forensic science laboratory having all the requisite scientific equipment for examination of forensic material;
- (b) undertake examination of forensic material;
- (c) render expert opinion with regard to examination of forensic material undertaken by it;
- (d) procure, operate, maintain scientific instruments for examination of forensic material;
- (e) propose advancement in forensic techniques and recommend use of suitable scientific equipment for examination of forensic material;
- (f) seek clarification from the person involved in collection or handling of forensic material in the prescribed manner;
- (g) specify the procedure for the collection, preservation and handling of forensic material;
- (h) subject to the direction of the Government, collect forensic material that requires special expertise or scientific methods for collection and preservation;
- (i) maintain in the prescribed manner record for examination of forensic material, including record relating to the identity of a person connected with or accused of an offence;
- (j) conduct trainings relating to-
  - (i) forensic examination;
  - (ii) rendering expert opinion; and
  - (iii) collection, preservation and handling of forensic material;
- (k) promote general awareness on matters relating to forensics; and
- (l) perform any other function connected with or ancillary