

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

to amend the Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Act, 2024

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Act, 2024 (XXIV of 2024), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. **Short title and commencement.** – (1) This Act shall be called the Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 7, Act XXIV of 2024.**– In the Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Act, 2024 (XXIV of 2024), in section 7, in sub-section (4), in the proviso, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In the judgment of the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan in the *Mustafa Impex, Karachi v. Government of Pakistan* (PLD 2016 SC 808), it was clarified that executive decisions involving policy, financial or administrative implications are to be taken by the Federal Cabinet collectively, and not by individual office holders, unless duly authorized by law.

In the aftermath of the aforesaid judgment, it has been observed that several existing laws continue to vest routine, procedural and administrative powers in the "Federal Government," which necessitates repeated submission of minor and non-policy matters to the Federal Cabinet. This practice has resulted in avoidable burden on the Cabinet, and delays in administrative processes.

With a view to streamlining governance, improving administrative efficiency, and ensuring that the Federal Cabinet focuses on matters of national policy and strategic importance, the Cabinet Division, in pursuance of the direction of the Federal Cabinet, has undertaken a comprehensive review of relevant laws and has prepared the amendment bill to rationalize and reassign such powers to the appropriate authorities.

The Bill, therefore, intends to achieve the aforesaid objectives.



Minister-In-Charge