

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

Further to amend the Pakistan Naval Academy (Award of Degrees) Ordinance, 1965

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Naval Academy (Award of Degrees) Ordinance, 1965 (XX of 1965) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Naval Academy (Award of Degrees) (Amendment) Act, 2010.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 3, Ordinance XX of 1965.**- In the Pakistan Naval Academy Ordinance, 1965 (XX of 1965), for section 3, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“3. **Conferment of degrees on Cadet-entry officers.**- The Pakistan Naval Academy shall have the power to confer the degree of the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts abbreviation whereof shall be B.Sc (NA) or BA(NA), respectively, and four years Bachelor of Studies in Naval and Management Sciences abbreviation whereof shall be BS (Naval and Management Sciences), on any Cadet-entry officer on his successful completion of the prescribed course in the Pakistan Naval Academy appropriate to his branch”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

1. Pakistan Naval Academy was empowered to award Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Arts (Naval Academy) B.Sc/BA (NA) degrees to its Pakistani and Foreign students vide Ordinance No. XX of 1965 as amended by Act No. VII of 1972.

2. With the introduction of four years Bachelor of Studies (BS) programmes in all Pakistani universities by HEC, the courses of studies leading to successful completion of Basic Training of Cadet Entry Officers of Ops Branch (Marines, SSG(N) & GD Cadre) have been totally revised and made as per the requirement of HEC.

3. In view of the foregoing, it is considered advisable to award four years Bachelor of Studies (Naval & Management Sciences) BS (N&MS) in addition to already existing B.Sc (NA) BA (NA) degrees; but since Ordinance XX of 1965 only provides provision for award of B.Sc (NA)/BA(NA) degrees, an amendment to the said Ordinance is necessary to incorporate the provision for award of four years Bs (Naval and Management Sciences) degrees.

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