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BILL

further to amend the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973 (Act LIV of 1973) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act shall be called the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) (Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in section 2, Act LIV of 1973.**- In the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973 (Act LIV of 1973), hereinafter referred to as the said Act.-

(a) in section 2, after paragraph (aa), the following new paragraph shall be added, namely:-

“(aaa) “disposing of” means to put printed holy writing in the sea or a river or in clean water stream or to bury it in a proper manner or to recycle it for reuse.”

(b) after paragraph (ddd), the following new paragraph shall be added, namely:-

“(dddd) “martyred or damaged” means worn out pages, illegal writing and sub-standard binding of the copies of the Holy Quran.”

3. **Amendment in section 4, Act LIV of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 4, after sub-section (3), the following new sub-section, shall be added, namely:-

“(4) The recording company will have infrastructural facilities for the disposal of martyred or damaged pages or copies of the Holy Quran.”

4. **Amendment in section 5, Act LIV of 1973.**- In the said Act, in section 5, for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) The Federal Government shall introduce a “Fine Quran Paper” for the publication of the Holy Quran and shall take measures to prohibit recording companies from improper placement, in any manner, of the Holy Quran or its Ayah. The recording company shall not use any paper except fine Quran Paper for the publication of the Holy Quran or its Ayah.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is vital to introduce a Bill to ensure error free publication of the Holy Quran on fine quality papers and proper disposal of martyred/damaged Holy Pages and copies of the Holy Quran.

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