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further to amend the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance, 2002;

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance, 2002 (LXXIV of 2002), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

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

2. **Amendment of section 4, Ordinance LXXIV of 2002.**- In the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance, 2002, hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 4, after sub-section (1), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:-

“(1A) The Federal Government shall also make public, names, telephone numbers, and address of authorized person(s) in print, electronic, and any other medium, that can be used for this purpose, at least once in a month”.

3. **Amendment of section 8, Ordinance LXXIV of 2002.**- In the said Ordinance, in section 8, after the heading, the existing section shall be numbered as sub-section (1) and thereafter, the following new sub-section (2) shall be added, namely:

“(2) No person shall sell cigarettes less than a packing of 20 units.”.

4. **Amendment of section 13, Ordinance LXXIV of 2002.**- In the said Ordinance, in section 13, for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that a citizen may forward a complaint or any violation of this Act, to the authorized person(s), and the authorized officer shall act upon within 7 days under intimation to the complainant.”.

5. **Insertion of new section 13A, in Ordinance LXXIV of 2002.**- In the said Ordinance, after section 13, the following new section shall be added, namely:-

"(13A) Submission of biannual reports.- Authorized person(s) shall submit, a comprehensive report to the Federal Government, after every six month, indicating therein details of complaints, observations and actions, taken thereupon."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

There is huge consumption of tobacco in Pakistan, therefore, we need to strengthen the laws regarding smoking in the country. Since there is no mechanism to ensure true implementation of the said Ordinance, therefore, it is necessary to make public the names and addresses of authorized persons who have authority to check the provisions of the said Ordinance. Likewise, in order to keep the people away from smoking, there is a need to sell Cigarettes, in a packing only and not less than 20 units.

The Bill seeks the said objectives.

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