

# **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

## **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION ON THE DRUG REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF PAKISTAN (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016**

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 (XXI of 2012) [the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2016] referred to the Committee on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

2. The Committee comprised the following: -

i)	Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi	Chairman
ii)	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Bhatti	Member
iii)	Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla	Member
iv)	Dr. Nisar Ahmad Jatt	Member
v)	Choudhry Muhammad Shahbaz Babar	Member
vi)	Dr. Hafeez-ur-Rehman Khan Dirshak	Member
vii)	Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani	Member
viii)	Ms. Rida Khan	Member
ix)	Ms. Shakila Khalid Luqman	Member
x)	Ms. Shaista Pervaiz	Member
xi)	Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi	Member
xii)	Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho	Member
xiii)	Mir Ajjaz Hussain Jakhrani	Member
xiv)	Dr. Mahreen Razaque Bhutto	Member
xv)	Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan Jadoon	Member
xvi)	Col. (Retd.) Dr. Amirullah Marwat	Member
xvii)	Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan	Member
xviii)	Qari Muhammad Yousaf	Member
xix)	Syed Ghazi Gulab Jamal	Member
xx)	MR. Abdul Qahar Khan Wadan	Member
xxi)	Ms. Saira Afzal Tarar	Ex-officio Member

*Minister of State for National Health Services,  
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3. The Committee in its meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 discussed the contents of the said Bill in detail and decided not to pursue it. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Bill may not be considered for Legislation. The Bill as introduced in the National Assembly is at Annex-A.

Sd/-  
( KHALID HUSSAIN MAGSI )  
Chairman

Sd/-  
( ABDUL JABBAR ALI )  
Secretary  
*Islamabad the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016*

[ AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ]

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BILL*further to amend the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 (No. XXI of 2012), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Amendment) Act, 2016.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of the Schedule-II of Act XXI of 2012.**- In the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 (No. XXI of 2012), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in the Schedule-II, in heading (A), paragraph (2), shall be omitted.
3. **Amendment of the Schedule-III of Act XXI of 2012.**- In the said Act, in Schedule-III,-
  - (a) in clause (1), for the words "three years or more than ten years and with fine which may extend to ten lakh rupees", the words "ten years with fine which may extend to one million rupees", shall be substituted;
  - (b) in clause (2), for the words and coma " seven years, or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees or with both", the words "ten years and fine which may extend to one million rupees", shall be substituted; and
  - (c) after clause (4), the following new clause (5), shall be inserted and remaining paragraphs shall be renumbered, accordingly:-  
 "(5) The License of a person once convicted on the charge of any offence under this Act shall be cancelled permanently and such person shall not be allowed to establish business relating to drugs again in the country by his own or, as the case may be, on partnership basis."
4. **Amendment of Schedule-V of Act XXI of 2012.**- In the said Act, in Schedule-V, after clause (2), the following new clause (3), shall be added and the remaining paragraphs shall be renumbered, accordingly:-  
 "(3) An inspector found misusing his powers under the Act, or acting in contrivance with the provisions of this Act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, and fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees."

### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It has been noted with concern that despite prohibition, offences and punishments in the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, Act 2012, crimes in the field of drug manufacturing, selling and imports or exports are increasing manifold. One of the main causes thereof is less quantum of punishment under the Act which has made the Act ineffective in controlling offences as prescribed under the Act.

2. In the proposed bill, punishments have been proposed to be increased. There are complaints against the Drug Inspectors for inefficiency or connivance with the drug dealers at initial stages which also needs to be addressed. Therefore, punishment has also been proposed in the Bill in this regard.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objectives.

Sd/-

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SHEIKH SALAHUDDIN,  
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SYED ASIF HASNAIN,

Mr. Muhammad Bilal Khan Baloch  
Members, National Assembly.