## [AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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## BILL

further to amend the Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1975

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Alowances and Privileges) Act, 1975 (LXXXII of 1975) for the purposes hereinafter apjearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Act, 2022.

2 Amendment of section 12, Act LXXXII of 1975,- In the Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1975 (LXXXII of 1975), in section 12, for the full stop "." occurring at the end, a colon "." shall be substituted, and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-
"Provided that the Chairman or Speaker, as the case may be, while travelling on official business outside Pakistan, shall be entitled to the protocol of the Deputy Head of State or Vice-President of the host country."

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASON

Pursuant to the Article 49 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Chaiman Senate of Pakistan shall perform the functions of President of Pakistan in his absence or, if the Chairman is absent or unable to perform his functions as President, the Speaker of National Assembly shall perform the functions of President until he resumes his functions. Nevertheless, this status in not reflected in any manner when Chairman and Speaker are travelling abroad on official visits. This amendment in the Act aims at provision of entitlement of protocol and status to the Chainman Senate and Speaker of National Assembly as Deputy Head of State or Vice-President of the host country while travelling abroad for official business, in line with the rules of international courtesy, formal communication norms, and ceremonial practices to follow in official functions and occasions.

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