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WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for emergency measures to prevent spread of COVID-19 pandemic by taking effective steps for quarantine of affected persons and to establish hospitals and facilities for their quarantine of the persons coming from abroad and migration of affected persons from one Province to other or to the Federal Capital as well as to fulfil obligations under different international treaties and agreements to effectively combat the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and to provide guidance and assistance to Provincial Governments for adopting effective measures to save the people of Pakistan from disastrous impact of COVID-19 pandemic being a matter of security of Pakistan and Provinces and territories constituting thereof;

It is enacted as follows: -

1. Short title, extent and commencement:— (1) This Act may be called the National Emergency Measures to Quarantine and Quarantine Facilities for the Security of Pakistan from COVID -19 Act, 2020.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.— (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, -

(a) “Agencies or Authorities” means agencies, Authorities, Departments, Ministries or Division of the Federal Government or the Provincial Governments including the National Disaster Management Authority or Provincial Authorities, as the case may be;

(b) “COVID-19 Pandemic” means pandemic of Covid-19 or its different shades known or unknown or having specific names or not, as the case may be;

(c) “Federal Government” means the Federal Government;

(d) "person or entity" means a person or any legal entity and for the purpose of punishment for any violation every partner, director, chief executive or proprietor or person dealing with affairs of such entity;

(e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules, regulations, instructions, orders or guidelines issued by the Federal Government.

(2) Any word, term or expression not specifically defined shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Constitution or the Rules of Business 1973, as amended from time to time.

3. Federal Government to take appropriate measures:- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the Federal Government shall prescribe different measure to control spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

(2) The Federal Government shall issue instructions to different Ministries, Divisions, Departments, Autonomous or semi-autonomous bodies to combat and control the COVID-19 pandemic or the agencies and authorities, as the case may be.

(3) The Federal Government may issued appropriate directions to the Government of a Province under Article 146 of the Constitution to ensure security of persons from effects of COVID-19 pandemic.

(4) The Federal Government prescribe by appropriate orders for quarantine of affected persons.

(5) To save the life of persons, the Federal Government may control interprovincial movement of affected persons and their quarantine at appropriate places or hospitals as prescribed.

(6) The Federal Government or any person authorized on its behalf may order quarantine of any area or restrict the movement of all persons coming from or going in such areas to avoid impact of COVID-19 virus.

(7) The Federal Government or any person authorized on its behalf may declare any hospital, treatment facility, building or area reserved for patients of COVID-19 virus:

"Provided that if such facility, building or area is owned by a private person appropriate compensation shall be paid by the Federal Government for such declared facility".

(8) All authorities under the control of the Federal Government, notwithstanding any Provision of any law in force for the time being, shall comply the instructions, orders or guidelines of the Federal Government or persons authorized by it in this behalf.

4. Wearing of face masks and taking appropriate precautionary measures:-

The Federal Government shall issue instructions regarding wearing of face masks and for taking other appropriate precautionary measures to the persons affected or exposed to the effects of COVID-19 virus.

5. Directions for self-quarantine:- (1) The Federal Government may issue directions and guideline for self-quarantine of persons who are exposed to COVID-19 virus or potentially exposed to its effects.

(2) The person violating the directions or guidelines of the Federal Government shall be liable to punishment under section 7 of the Act.