

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (II of 1951), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. – (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2025

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 14A, Act II of 1951. – In the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (II of 1951), in section 14A, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-sections shall be added, namely:-

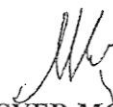
“(3) Subject to notification by the Federal Government in the official Gazette under sub-section (3) of section 14, any person who has renounced citizenship of Pakistan under sub-section (1), may resume citizenship of Pakistan by making a declaration in the prescribed manner and upon making of such declaration he may thereupon become a citizen of Pakistan.

(4) Where declaration under sub-section (3) is made by a person, every minor child of such person whose citizenship has ceased under sub-section (2) may thereupon become a citizen of Pakistan.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

A large number of Pakistani Diaspora are complaining that they had to renounce their Pakistani citizenship as a condition for acquiring citizenship of a foreign country of residence or stay. Whenever such countries are entering into dual nationality arrangements with the Government of Pakistan, there is no provision within Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 which allows resumption of Pakistan citizenship. Therefore, amendments have been proposed in section 14-A of the said Act which will allow Pakistani Diaspora to resume their Pakistani Citizenship.

2. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objects.


(SYED MOHSIN RAZA NAQVI)
MINISTER