

[ AS PASSED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ]

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Bill

*further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860*

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860) in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1)** This Act shall be called the Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall extend to the entire Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 21, Act XXI of 1860.—**In the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), in section 21,—

“(A) in sub-section (1),—

(i) in clause (a), for the word “shall”, the word “may” shall be substituted and the word “and” at the end shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (b), for the word “shall”, the word “may” shall be substituted and after the words “under this Act”, the expression “or otherwise,” shall be inserted and for full stop at the end, the expression “; and” shall be substituted; and

(iii) after clause (b), amended as aforesaid, the following new clause (c) shall be inserted, namely:—

“(c) those Madaris and Wafaqs already registered or desirous to register themselves directly with Directorate General of Religious Education, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, shall be reckoned to have been registered and shall be dealt with accordingly under the relevant dispensations.”;

(B) in sub-section (5), after the expression “resources,” the words “accord priority to” shall be inserted;

(C) in sub-section (6), after the words “under this Act”, the words “or otherwise” shall be inserted; and

(D) in sub-section (7), after the words “under this Act”, the words “or otherwise” shall be inserted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Deeni Madaris have been registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. However, it is proposed that those Madaris and Wafaqs already registered or desirous to get registered directly with Directorate General of Religious Education, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, shall be reckoned to have been registered.

2. This Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.

**Minister-in-Charge**