

[AS PASSED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A

Bill

further to amend the Federal Prosecution Service Act, 2023

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Federal Prosecution Service Act, 2023 (LXV of 2023) 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 Federal Prosecution Service (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 1, Act LXV of 2023.- In the Federal Prosecution Service Act, 2023 (LXV of 2023), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 1,-

(a) in the marginal heading, after the word "title", a comma and the word "extent" shall be inserted; and

(b) in sub-section (2), after the word "Territory", the words "and shall apply to all cases triable in the Federal courts established under any Federal Law" shall be added.

3. Amendment of section 7, Act LXV of 2023.- In the said Act, in section 7, in sub-section (4), for the full stop occurring at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that until recommendations are made by the Federal Public Service Commission, appointments to the service shall be made on ad-hoc or contract basis in the prescribed manner."

4. Amendment of section 11, Act LXV of 2023.- In the said Act, in section 11, in the marginal heading, for the word "Responsibly", the word "Responsibility" shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 12, Act LXV of 2023.- In the said Act, in section 12, in sub-section (5), for the word "Government", the expression "Secretary of the Division concerned to which the business of the Act stands allocated under the Rules of Business, 1973" shall be substituted.

6. **Omission of section 14, Act LXV of 2023.-** In the said Act, section 14, shall be omitted.

7. **Amendment of section 15, Act LXV of 2023.-** In the said Act, in section 15,-

- (a) In sub-section (1), for the words "Chief Executive Officer", the words "Federal Prosecutor General" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (2), in clause (c), for the word "fir", the word "FIR" shall be substituted."

8. **Amendment of section 17, Act LXV of 2023.-** In the said Act, in section 17, in sub-section (1), the words "in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer", shall be omitted."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control under the Rules of Business, 1973 administers the Federal Prosecution Service Act, 2023. In order to stream line and make the Federal Prosecution Service more effective for dispensation of justice, the Federal Prosecution Service Amendment Bill 2025 has been drafted. The same has been considered by the Federal Cabinet and approved for its introduction in the Parliament.

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