

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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**Bill**

*to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection Act, 2018*

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection Act, 2018 (XXI of 2018), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act shall be called the Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 6, Act XXI of 2018.**— In the Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection Act, 2018 (XXI of 2018), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 6, for the word "Government", the words "Prime Minister" shall be substituted.

**3. Amendment of section 8, Act XXI of 2018.**— In the said Act, in section 8,—

(a) in sub-section (2), in clauses (a) and (e), for the word "Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted; and

(b) in sub-section (3), for the word "Government", the words "Division concerned" shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Object of this amendment is to bring clarity to the existing legislation and to provide clarity with respect to exercise of authority by the Federation. This was pursuant to the directions of the Cabinet in light of the recent Supreme Court judgment [PLD 2016 SC 808].

2. The Bill is drafted to achieve the aforesaid object.

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