

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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**Bill**

*further to amend the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 (Ordinance No. XXIII of 1981)*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 (Ordinance No. XXIII of 1981) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Ehtram-e-Ramazan (Amendment) Act, 2017.

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

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 3, Ordinance No. XXIII of 1981.-** In the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 (Ordinance No. XXIII of 1981), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 3, in sub-section (2), for the words "five hundred rupees", the words "five thousand rupees", shall be substituted.

**3. Amendment of section 4, Ordinance No. XXIII of 1981.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 4, in sub-section (2), for the words "five hundred rupees", the words "fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**4. Amendment of section 6, Ordinance No. XXIII of 1981.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 6,-

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words "during the month of Ramazan from the time of sunset to the expiration of", the words "in the month of Ramazan during fasting hours and" shall be substituted; and

(b) in sub-section (2), for the words "five thousand rupees", the words "five hundred thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance was enacted in 1981 to provide measures to observe sanctity in the month of Ramazan. This amendment Bill seeks to enhance the amount of penalty for violations of provisions of this law in the Islamabad Capital Territory. Recently, it has been observed that some cinemas have screened movies even during the fasting hours in the month of Ramazan. This amendment strives to make the existing law more effective.

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**Member-in-Charge**