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BILL

further to amend the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965

WHEREAS it is expedient and substantial to bring meaningful and significant amendments in the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. – (1) This Act may be called the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Substitution of section 21, Act II of 1965.- In the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965), for section 21, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"21. Qualifications for admission to institutions.- (1) The minimum qualifications required for admission to a recognized institution of Unani or Ayurvedic System of medicine shall be *Matriculation with Science* or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force.

(2) The minimum qualification required for admission to a recognized institution of Homoeopathy shall be *Intermediate with Science (F.Sc. Pre-Medical)* or equivalent examination of any University or Education Board in Pakistan established by or under any law for the time being in force, but those with Bachelor or higher qualification with science shall be **entertained.**"

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 the minimum qualification required for admission to a recognized institution of Homoeopathy is Matriculation or equivalent examination. Keeping in view the importance of health and contemporary circumstances the proposed amendment enhances the minimum qualification from Matriculation to Intermediate (F.Sc. Pre-Medical).

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the said purpose.

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