SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT NO. 24

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION

ON

"THE PAKISTAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024"

PRESENTED BY

Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand

Chairman

Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination

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I, Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand, Chairman Standing Committee on Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2024" as Introduced in the Senate of Pakistan and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand	Chairman
2.	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
4.	Saenator Dr. Zarqa Suharwrdi Taimur	Member
5.	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
6.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
.7.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
8.	Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
9.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
10.	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
11.	Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Member
12	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
13.	Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
14.	Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination	Ex-Officio Member

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3. The Committee considered the Bill and held comprehensive discussion on it in its meeting held on 19th February, 2024, under the chairmanship of Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand, with the following in attendance:

1.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Me	hmand	Chairman	
2:	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani		Member	
3.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi		Member	
4.	Senator Sana Jamali		Member	
5.	Senator Rubina Khalid	• ,	Member	
6.	Senator Shahadat Awan		Mover	

4. Brief background of discussions on the Bill is that "the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2024" primarily seeks that the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council has been established to regulate the medical colleges and universities to ensure quality of teaching. The Parliament being mother of all institutions should discharge the role of oversight, that's how, the Federal Government shall lay before both the Houses of the Parliament, an annual report of the Council, regarding its working and achievements, which shall be referred to the concerned standing committee of Senate and National Assembly for examination and report.

5. The Bill (Annexure-A) was presented before the Committee, after deliberation the committee unanimously passed the bill. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that "the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2024", as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House, (Copy of the Bill as introduced in the Senate is Annexed as "A").

(Muhammad Shafiq) Secretary Committee

(Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand) Chairman,

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further to amend the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022 (IV of 2023), for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Act, 2027.

(2) It shall come into force at once."

2. Insertion of section 49A, Act IV of 2023.- In the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022 (IV of 2023), after section 49, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

"49A. Annual Report.- The Federal Government shall lay before both the Houses of the Parliament, an annual report of the Council, regarding its working and achievements, which shall be referred to the concerned Standing Committees of the Senate and National Assembly for examination and report."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council has been established to regulate medical colleges and universities to ensure quality of teaching, besides profession of medicine and doctors under the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022. The Parliament being mother of all institutions and to discharge the role of oversight, needs to be kept abreast of the performance of the institutions created through the Act passed by it. Hence, this bill aims at prescribing the provision regarding oversight of Parliament upon working of the Council by submission of annual report in both the Houses.

> SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN Member-in-Charge