

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

A

BILL

to prohibit the expression of matters on walls in the Islamabad Capital Territory

WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit the expression of matters on walls in the Islamabad Capital Territory.

1. Short title, extent and commencement.-(1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls Act, 2016.

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

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant the subject or context,-

(a) "Code" means the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898);

(b) "Government" means the Federal Government;

(c) "Local Government" means local government as defined under the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015;

(d) "Metropolitan Corporation" means metropolitan corporation as defined under the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015; and

(e) "Union Council" means union council as defined under the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015.

3. Prohibition of expressing matters on walls.- Whoever affixes or causes to be affixed any poster, bill, notice, placard of other paper or means of advertisement on a wall or writes on any wall with chalk or paint or in any other manner whatsoever with the intention to attract public attention to that matter shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years but which shall not be less than one year or with a fine which shall not be less than one hundred thousand rupees or with both:

Provided that it shall not be an offence under this section, if the owner or possessor of wall expresses any particular relating to himself or his business thereon.

4. Cognizance and summary trial.- (1) An offence under this Act shall be cognizable and non-bailable.

(2) A magistrate of the first class shall conduct the trial under this Act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXII of the Code relating to summary trials.

5. Removal of existing expressing on walls.- Within a period of thirty days from the commencement of this Act the Local Governments in each Union Council and Metropolitan Corporation shall cause to be removed all matters expressed on walls, the expression of which is prohibited by the Act.

6. Power to make rules.- The Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is the object of this Bill to prohibit the expression of matters on walls in the Federal Capital. Presently no law deals in Islamabad has affixed any penalty for wall chalking or writing different expressions on walls. The writings on the walls tarnishes the urban scenery and beauty of the city. This Bill strives to proscribe and discourage people from putting expressions on the walls of the city.

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