

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

to amend the Surveying and Mapping Act, 2014

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Surveying and Mapping Act, 2014 (I of 2014), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Surveying and Mapping (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act I of 2014.- In the Surveying and Mapping Act, 2014 (I of 2014), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, in clause (xiv), for the words "Federal Government", the words "concerned Division" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 3, Act I of 2014.- In the said Act, in section 3,-

(a) in sub-section (2),-

(i) for the word "Genera" the word "General", shall be substituted;

(ii) for the words "Federal Government", occurring for the first time, the words "Prime Minister", shall be substituted; and

(iii) the words "as may be appointed by the Federal Government" shall be omitted; and

(b) after sub-section (2), amended as aforesaid, the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:-

"(3) Survey of Pakistan shall be technical department for all activities involving surveying, mapping, geographic

information system or remote sensing and geospatial information technologies in the country”.

4. Amendment of section 6, Act I of 2014.- In the said Act, in section 6,-

- (a) in clause (f), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted;
- (b) in clause (g), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted;
- (c) in clause (i), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “concerned Division” shall be substituted; and
- (d) in clause (r), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “concerned Division” shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 11, Act I of 2014.- In the said Act, in section 11, in sub-section (1), after the words “shall”, occurring for the first time, the words and commas “use insert, print or publish maps of Pakistan or atlases” shall be inserted.

6. Amendment of section 13, Act I of 2014.- In the said Act, in section 13, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “concerned Division” shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 16, Act I of 2014.- In the said Act, in section 16,-

- (a) in sub-section (2), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “concerned Division” shall be substituted; and
- (b) after sub-section (5), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:-

“(6) No one shall print, display, disseminate, use or circulate incorrect and unofficial version of map of Pakistan or any part of Pakistan in hard or digital form. All individuals firms, organizations or departments shall get their maps vetted and cleared from Survey of Pakistan before use, publication, dissemination or circulation.”.

8. Amendment of section 18, Act I of 2014.- In the said Act, in section 18, in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “concerned Division” shall be substituted.

9. Amendment of section 19, Act I of 2014.- In the said Act, in section 19, in sub-section (1), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “concerned Division” shall be substituted.

10. Amendment of section 20, Act I of 2014.- In the said Act, in section 20, in clause (iv), the word “and”, occurring at the end, shall be omitted and in clause (v), for the full stop, a semi colon and the word “and” shall be substituted and thereafter the following new clause shall be added, namely:-

“(vi) any individual, firm, organization or department involved in printing, displaying, disseminating, using or circulating incorrect and unofficial version of map of Pakistan or any part of Pakistan in hard or digital form shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term which may extend up to five years or a fine of five millions rupees or both.”.

11. Amendment in section 23, Act I of 2014.- In the said Act, in section 23, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “concerned Division” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Survey of Pakistan (SOP), a National Mapping Organization is responsible to meet the Surveying & Mapping requirements of Armed Forces as well as other civil organizations/departments.

2. In line with the Supreme Court of Pakistan’s Judgment reported as PLD 2016 SC 808, the Cabinet in its meeting held on 8th November 2017 has decided that “all Ministries and Divisions should in consultation with Law & Justice Division, make amendments in the respective Acts/Rules and replace the words “Federal Government” with appropriate authority(ies)”.

3. The major objectives & reasons of the bill are:-
- a. To transform SoP into National Mapping Agency i.e. Agency regulating Surveying & Mapping activities in the country.
 - b. To replace the words "Federal Government" with appropriate authorities.
 - c. To carry out spelling corrections.
 - d. To ensure efficient technical functioning of the department.
 - e. To stop /prohibiting printing, displaying, dissemination or using incorrect and un-official Map of Pakistan.
4. After completing all codal formalities the Surveying & Mapping (Amendment) Bill, 2019 has been vetted by Law & Justice Division. The Cabinet Committee on Legislative Cases (CCLC) in Case NO.CCLC-64/09/2019, dated 4-10-2019 has recommended the Amendments in Surveying & Mapping Bill, 2019 for its introduction in either of the Houses of the Parliament and Cabinet vide case No.840/38/2019 dated 14-10-2019 has ratified the said CCLC decision/ recommendations.

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