

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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**BILL**

*further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 12, Act XXV of 1997.-** In the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), in section 12, in clause (c), after the words "any other means of concealment" the commas and words ", as may be prescribed," shall be inserted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The law relating to narcotics has recently been amended with a view to check the ownership of assets supposed to be the proceeds of narcotics business however the generalized power of taking action against the supposed "other means of concealment" needs to be qualified by the addition of the term "as may be prescribed". The Bill intends to achieve the said objective.

**SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMED  
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**