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**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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**BILL**

*to amend the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to amend the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021 (XXX of 2021), for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.- (1)** This Act may be called the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Insertion of new sections 24A, 24B and 24C, Act XXX of 2021.-** In the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021 (XXX of 2021), after section 24, the following new sections 24A, 24B and 24C shall be inserted, namely:-

**"24A. Responsibility of sex offender to inform local police in case of travel within Pakistan.- (1)** The sex offender who intends to be absent from his home address for a period of more than three days shall be responsible to inform the local police station twelve hours before leaving that address.

(2) The information shall include-

- (a) date on which the sex offender will leave the home address;
- (b) travel arrangements during the period;
- (c) temporary address or addresses where the sex offender intends to reside during the period;
- (d) date of return to the home address; and
- (e) any other information as may be prescribed by rules.

(3) The sex offender shall within twelve hours after his arrival at the temporary address, inform the nearest police station, about his arrival.

(4) Where a sex offender has informed a date of return to his home address, but returns to that address on a date other than that informed date, he shall inform the date of his actual return to the police within twelve hours of his actual return.

(5) Nothing in this section requires a sex offender to provide any information which falls to be provided in accordance with a requirement under section 24B.

**24B. Information requirements for sex offender in case of travel outside Pakistan.-** (1) The Ministry of Law and Justice may by rules make provisions requiring sex offender who leave Pakistan-

- (a) to provide information under sub-section (2), before he leaves; and
- (b) if he subsequently returns to Pakistan, to provide information under sub-section (3).

(2) The information under this sub-section shall disclose-

- (a) date on which the sex offender will leave Pakistan;
- (b) name of country or, if there is more than one, the first country to which he intends to travel and his point of arrival in that country; and
- (c) any other information which the sex offender holds about his departure from Pakistan or his movements while outside Pakistan.

(3) Any information under this sub-section shall disclose the information prescribed by the rules about the sex offender's return to Pakistan.

**24C. Information period for sex offender.-** The information period for a sex offender shall be an indefinite period starting from the date of conviction:

Provided that Special Court may reduce the information period in respect of any sex offender but such period shall not be less than ten years in any case."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Parliament in its joint sitting has recently passed Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021 which requires establishment of Register of Sex Offenders. However, there is a dire need to strictly monitor the movement and activities of such offenders where they can potentially gain access to victims and abuse them sexually. Hence, this Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

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