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The following Acts of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 5th May, 1977, and are hereby published for general information.

ACT No. XIV of 1977

An Act further to amend the Emigration Act, 1922

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Emigration Act, 1922 (VII of 1922), for the purposes hereinafter appearing :

It is hereby enacted as follows :

1. **Short title and commencement.** (1) This Act may be called the Emigration (Amendment) Act, 1977.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 25, Act VII of 1922.**—In the Emigration Act, 1922 (VII of 1922), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 25, —

(a) in sub-section (2), for the words and comma " fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees " the words " imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine " shall be substituted ; and

(b) after sub-section (3), the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely :

" (3A) Where the person convicted of an offence punishable under this section is the owner, master or person incharge of the launch, vessel or other means of transport used in the commission of the offence, such launch, vessel or other means of transport shall, upon such conviction, stand forfeited to the Federal Government. "

3. **Amendment of section 26, Act VII of 1922.**—In the said Act, in section 26, for the words and commas " one year, or with fine, or with both " the words " five years and with fine " shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of section 27, Act VII of 1922.** In the said Act, in section 27, for the words and commas " six months, or with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both " the words " three years and with fine " shall be substituted.

5. **Insertion of new sections 27A, 27B and 27C, Act VII of 1922.**—In the said Act, after section 27, the following new sections shall be inserted, namely :

" 27A. **Charging of fee for providing foreign employment or non-fulfilment of commitment to provide foreign employment.**—

Whoever —

(a) charges any fee for providing or securing, or on the pretext of providing or securing, to or for any person employment in any country beyond the limits of Pakistan, or

(b) having undertaken to provide or secure to or for any person any such employment, fails to do so except for a reason which, in the opinion of the Protector of Emigrants, is beyond his control,

shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and with fine.

27B. **Unauthorised advertisements for foreign employment.** Whoever, except with the prior permission of the Federal Government or an authority specified by

it in this behalf, issues an advertisement for recruitment of citizens of Pakistan for employment in any country beyond the limits of Pakistan, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and with fine.

27C. Penalty for other offences.—Whoever contravenes, or fails to comply with, any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made under this Act shall, if no other penalty is provided by this Act for such contravention or failure, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and with fine.”

6. Repeal.—The Emigration (Amendment) Ordinance, 1977 (VI of 1977), is hereby repealed.
