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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Islamabad, the 4th June, 1976

The following Acts of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 19th May, 1976, and are hereby published for general information:—

An Act to amend the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing Error) Act, 1973

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing Errors) Act, 1973 (LIV of 1973), for the purposes hereinafter appearing ;

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing Errors) (Amendment) Act, 1976.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 2, Act LIV of 1973.**—In the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing Errors) Act, 1973 (LIV of 1973), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, for clause (a) the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“(a) “Ayah” means a sentence, clause or verse of the Holy Quran at the end of which the sign “O” is given in the standard copy ;

(aa) “Committee” means the Committee of Ulema appointed under section 4 ;”.

3. **Amendment of section 5, Act LIV of 1973.**—In the said Act, in section 5, in sub-section (4), in paragraph (a), for the words and brackets “verse (Ayah)”, occurring twice, the word “Ayah” shall be substituted.

4. **Insertion of new section 5A, Act LIV of 1973.**—In the said Act, after section 5 amended as aforesaid, the following new section shall be inserted, namely :—

“5A. *Literal distortion of the text of Ayah.*—Where, in a copy of the Holy Quran or in any extract thereof published in a text-book, prayerbook, religious treatise or otherwise, an Ayah has been so literally distorted, either by change of a word, or of sequence, or of Aarab, as to alter its meaning, the printer or publisher thereof, whether registered under this Act or not, shall, unless he can prove that such distortion occurred only due to a printing error, be liable to the punishment provided for in section 6.”

5. **Amendment of section 8, Act LIV of 1973.**—In the said Act, section 8, in sub-section (2),—

- (a) in clause (a), the word “and” at the end shall be omitted ; and
- (b) in clause (b), for the full stop at the end a semi-colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following new clauses shall be added, namely :—
 - “(c) the checking of all such copies of the Holy Quran as have not been certified under this Act as free from errors, at the expense of the publisher ; and
 - (d) the seizure of such copies of the Holy Quran in which there exist errors which cannot, in the opinion of the prescribed authority, easily be corrected in print.”