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[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

**A
Bill**

further to amend the Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1975

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1975 (LXXXII of 1975) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 12, Act LXXXII of 1975.-In the Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1975 (LXXXII of 1975), in section 12, for the full stop “.” occurring at the end, a colon “:” shall be substituted, and thereafter the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that the Chairman or Speaker, as the case may be, while travelling on official business outside Pakistan, shall be entitled to the protocol of a Deputy Head of State:

Provided further that, the entitlement of the protocol of Deputy Head of State to the Chairman or Speaker, as the case may be, shall not confer upon him any powers of the President or acting President in any manner whatsoever.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASON

Pursuant to the Article 49 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Chairman Senate of Pakistan shall perform the functions of President of Pakistan in his absence or, if the Chairman is absent or unable to perform his functions as President, the Speaker of National Assembly shall perform the functions of President until he resumes his functions. Nevertheless, this status is not reflected in any manner when Chairman and Speaker are travelling abroad on official visits. This amendment in the Act aims at provision of entitlement of protocol and status to the Chairman Senate and Speaker of National Assembly as Deputy Head of State, while travelling abroad for official business, in line with the rules of international courtesy, formal communication norms, and ceremonial practices to follow in official functions and occasions.

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