

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII 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 Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in Section 2, Act XXVII of 1997.—In the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), in section 2, in clause (b), after the words, "Pakistan Rangers", the phrase ", Airports Security Force" shall be inserted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Airports Security Force is a Federal Department under the administrative control of Aviation Division, Government of Pakistan which is responsible for safeguarding Aviation Industry in Pakistan under Airports Security Force Act 1975. Its responsibility is to Safeguard Civil Aviation Industry of Pakistan against unlawful interfere adopting counter terrorism measures, preventing crimes and maintaining order within the limits of airports in Pakistan. Airports Security Force has been mandated with the task of providing security to all Civil Aviation Airports of Pakistan. Airports Security Force is a force that provides the protection against waging of war or insurrection against all airports in Pakistan and the prevention of acts threatening the security within the precincts of airports including the precious installations and the movement of very important domestic and international personalities. It is one of the largest civil armed forces in Pakistan and must have legal acknowledgment.

2. The bill has been designed to achieve the above purpose.

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