

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

**A
BILL**

further to amend the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022 (IV of 2023), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 3, Act IV of 2023.- In the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022 (IV of 2023), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3, in sub-section (1), after clause (b), the following new clause (ba) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(ba) Two members of the National Assembly, nominated by the Speaker of the National Assembly, and two members of the Senate, nominated by the Chairman Senate, from the treasury and opposition benches in equal proportion, shall serve as ex-officio members of the Council."

3. Amendment of section 45, Act IV of 2023.- In the said Act, in section 45, for the "full stop" occurring at the end, a "colon" shall be substituted, and thereafter, the following proviso, shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that this section shall not apply to the Members appointed under clause (ba) of sub-section (1) of section 3, of the Act."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022, was enacted to regulate the registration of medical practitioners and dentists and to reconstitute the Medical and Dental Council in Pakistan. Its primary objective was to establish uniform minimum standards for basic and higher qualifications in medicine and dentistry.

However, the Act has largely failed to achieve its goals. A key reason for this shortcoming is the lack of representation from elected members of Parliament, who could play a crucial role in strengthening the healthcare system.

To improve public health and revamp the healthcare sector nationwide, it is essential to appoint members from both houses of Parliament to the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council. Their representation would help ensure that the needs of the people are effectively addressed and that health reforms are implemented in both letter and spirit.

2. This Bill is aimed to achieve the above-said objective.

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD HUMAYUN MOHMAND
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**