

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

**A
BILL**

further to amend the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 38, Act XL of 2016.- In the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016), in section 38, after sub-section (5), the following new sub-section (6), shall be added, namely:-

“(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section this protection shall not be applicable to those service providers who despite the removal/blocking request made by the competent authority fail to ensure compliance. The competent authority shall accordingly proceed against delinquent service providers as may be prescribed.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is necessary that the section is amended to increase the responsibility of service provider to remove / block objectionable content as and when so demanded by the competent authority and proceed to take action against delinquent officer.

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

**SENATOR ANUSHA RAHMAN AHMAD KHAN
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