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Bill

further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority
Ordinance, 2000

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (Ordinance No. VIII of 2000) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the National Database and Registration Authority (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 18, Ordinance No. VIII of 2000.- In the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000, in section 18,-

(a) in sub-section (1), in the proviso, for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following new provisos shall be added, namely:—

“Provided further that the Authority may provisionally impound a card pending for verification report for a maximum period of sixty days:

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

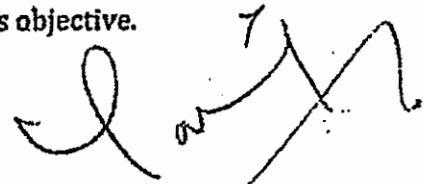
The CNIC is a critical national security instrument; any misuse of which directly threatens Pakistan's internal security, destabilizes its economy, and undermines its international standing.

2. In practice, NADRA has faced serious operational constraints, particularly in:

- (i) Provisional impounding of CNICs pending verification reports, where the absence of explicit statutory cover has limited swift action.
- (ii) Blocking CNICs of individuals engaged in criminal offence who are willfully evading legal proceedings despite being provided an opportunity to be heard by the appropriate Authority.

3. The proposed amendments do not confer unfettered authority. They are narrowly tailored, strictly time-bound, and anchored in due process requiring written notice, opportunity of reply, and defined maximum timelines thereby ensuring both state security and citizens' procedural rights.

4. The proposed amendment aims to achieve this objective.



Minister-In-Charge