

[To be introduced in Youth Parliament of Pakistan]

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Bill

Further to amend **PAKISTAN ELECTRONIC MEDIA REGULATORY AUTHORITY ORDINANCE 2002**

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the **PAKISTAN ELECTRONIC MEDIA REGULATORY AUTHORITY ORDINANCE 2002** for the purpose herein after appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows

1. Short title and commencement.-

(1) This act may be called as **PAKISTAN ELECTRONIC MEDIA REGULATORY AUTHORITY ORDINANCE (AMMENDMENT) ACT, 2012**

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of a clause: .- In the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002, under the section 6, the sub-section (4A) shall be omitted and replaced with the following 2 sub-sections:

(4A) 1 members should be an Islamic Scholar appointed by the federal government.

(4B) Remaining 1 member shall be appointed by the federal government on need basis as recommended by the chairman

Statement of objects and Reasons

There has been an evident change in the nature of the programs being telecasted by certain licensed channels and it has been noted that the programs are not modest enough for an Islamic state, This issue has also been taken up by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Therefore, by adding an Islamic Scholar to the authority will help in monitoring the standard of programs that whether they are in limit or not. This will ensure a moderate media in Pakistan and will stop the increasing vulgarity in the name of modernism being telecasted. Though there are strict rules mentioned in

this ordinance as it can be seen in section 20, but still there has been no use of these rules as no action has been taken and certain channels have evolved into glamorous commercial organizations who are not fulfilling their moral duties.

3. Insertion of a new section, :- In the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002, under the section 20 , the following clause 20(b) shall be inserted after 20 (a), namely:-

A person who is issued a license under this Ordinance shall

b- Ensure the respect and honor of the state institutions including Parliament, Judiciary, Armed forces and the office of President of Pakistan.

Statement of objects and Reasons

Many licensed electronic media channels are found telecasting certain programs which make mockery and criticism on the state institutions as mentioned above in the clause. The Right of Freedom of Speech provides the right to criticize individual, his believe or any of his deed, this amendment does not intend to limit this freedom of expression but to ensure that while making any criticism the basic pillars of state i.e. Parliament, Courts, Armed Forces and the office of President shall not be mocked or disgraced. This is intended only to portray a better image of the state in the country and outside the country, where such mockery of institutions gives an image of a weak state and leads to inter-institutional conflicts as well.

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