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to provide for education and propagation of the Holy Quran as per recitation, translation, learning by heart and correct pronunciation.

Whereas, it is expedient as per the injunctions of the Quran and Sunnah, that the Holy Quran be recited by heart along with correct pronunciation only after knowing its translation. The prophet Muhammad (may peace be upon him) says "the person who has not learned by heart any portion of the Holy Quran, his heart is like a deserted home."

It is indeed a great distinction for a Muslim that after recitation of the Holy Quran, he learns it by heart, learns its recitation with correct pronunciation and teaches it to others. So, it is expedient per the above facts and compulsion of our religion to enact the said Bill as a regular law. It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.** - (1) This Bill may be called "The Education of the Holy Quran according to recitation by sighting and with translation, learning by heart and with correct pronunciation Bill, 2019".

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**- (1) In this Act the following words and expressions have the following meanings, unless a different intention appears from the subject or contexts:-

(a) "Protection" means protection of the Holy Quran and it includes protection pertaining to its words, printing, meaning and methods of teaching.

(b) "Recitation by sighting" i.e. "Nazra" means the ability to recite the Holy Quran.

(c) "Correct Pronunciation" i.e. "Tajweed" means reading clearly, the three lakhs, forty five thousand seven hundred and forty eight words used in the Holy Quran, by using the mouth, the ridge in the roof of the mouth, tongue and various cords of the throat, as used by the experts of syntax.

(d) "Responsible" means parents, guardians, responsible persons of religious seminaries/institutions, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Ministry of Education and Federal and Provincial government.

(e) "Learning and Teaching" includes learning and teaching of the Holy Quran.

(f) "Government" means Federal and Provincial Governments.

3. **Viable proposals and steps to promote Hifz and Tajweed.**- (1) Nazra with translation, Hifz and Tajweed-e-Quran shall be added as compulsory subject in the syllabus of male and female students of all educational institution running under the Federation.

(2) The Quran complexes shall be constructed at Federal level in which the courses of Nazra with translation and Tajweed shall be conducted throughout the year and the special

courses of Tajweed shall be conducted in the universities, colleges, schools and Madaaris in the provinces.

(3) Translation Hifz and Tajweed-e-Quran shall be made compulsory along with Nazra from primary to university levels and in this regard the book of Tajweed shall be added in the syllabus. Nazra and one fourth part of the last chapter with complete translation shall be learned by heart the students and the translation of surahs based on the injunction and limits shall be included therein.

Similarly the selective surahs of the Holy Quran shall be compulsorily learned by heart by the students in connection with the said courses at masters as well as Ph.D. level and in this regard, the syllabus shall be amended accordingly.

(4) In the government and semi-government bodies. The list of Hifz and Tajweed according to the Nazra with translation as well as educational qualification shall be taken for employment and the numbers of the same shall be included in the aggregate.

(5) The experience of Tajweed along with other conditions for the appointment of "Aima Ikrams" and "Moazzans" in the mosques administered by the government shall be encouraged and be given priority;

(6) After the promulgation of this act, the course of Tajweed shall also be made compulsory for the person appointed before the promulgation of the act.

(7) Government shall telecast the programmes of Tajweed-e-Quran with translation for sufficient time duration on official radio and television mandatory.

(8) In the military as well as civil departments the learning and importing the education of Hifz and Tajweed-e-Quran shall not only be encouraged, but their work will be started with the Tajweed and translation of Holy Quran for at least 20 minutes of time duration.

4. **The establishment of Quran complex at federal level.**- The Quran complex will be established at federal level. The main object of which includes the printing and propagation of Holy Quran, to collect the rare versions of the Holy Quran written throughout the world, to provide audio/visional facilities for peoples. To provide general information about the revolution, compilation, recitation, Hifz, Tajweed and history of the Holy Quran and to arrange programmes of short duration to understand the same with easy version.

5. **Establishment of Quran Research Academy.**- Quran Academies in various regions, at Federal level under Quran complex, shall be established which shall plan establishment of academics federal as well as each Union Council level, in which arrangements shall be made for oral recitation, translation, learning of Quran by heart, correct pronunciation and publication, propagation of Holy Quran. The extent audio-visual technologies shall also be utilized in this regard. These academies shall also be responsible to extend opportunities for recitation of Holy Quran, learning of Quran by heart, translation and correct pronunciation to the general public belonging the nearest localities.

### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Pakistani emergence as a result of immense and everlasting struggle by the Muslims of subcontinent enjoys a unique and ideal status as it had cause into being with determination and firm belief that God bestowed country Pakistan will be founded on Islam, with Quran and Sunnah as its supreme law, by legislation to be made in the limits of Islamic law.

Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala says in Holy Quran:

Translation: And in truth We have made the Quran easy to remember; but is there any that remembereth? (Al-Quran :17)

On the basic of these facts it is obligation of the construction of Pakistan and the inescapable duty of present government to take effective and practical measures to promote teaching and propagation of Quran and Sunnah as well as Islamic way of living. But it is quite regretful that despite this fundamental reality, none of the government after coming in power has taken any noteworthy steps to uphold Quran and Sunnah and enforcement of Islamic laws. However, a few occasions also emerge when voice of some humanitarians became the call of Pakistani nation that results in certain historic decisions which constitutes golden chapters of Pakistan's history and will be remembered forever. Pakistani nation severely anticipating even today such patriotic people and religious loving steps that could pave way to predominance of Quran and Sunnah as well as enforcement of Islamic Sharia. This Bill intends to implement this very struggle. In order to spread the goodness and auspiciousness; to end chaos and uncertainly in the country for a long time, it is intentionally needed that awareness and understanding of teaching and propagation of Holy Quran may be promoted in general public and government supervision so that the whole country could have illustration of blessings of Holy Quran; the people may strengthen their ties with their Creator, Almighty Allah, and our beloved homeland alongwith the masses may come out of the grip of routine crisis and unforeseen situations.

The Bill is being moved in the context of above-mentioned reasons.

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