

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A
BILL

further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (Ordinance No. VIII of 2000).

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

It is hereby enacted as follows:

Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act may be called the National Database and Registration Authority (Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 15, Ordinance VIII of 2000.** - In the National Database Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (Ordinance No. VIII of 2000) hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 15 after sub-section (2); the following new sub-section (3), shall be inserted, Namely: -

"(3) In case of loser/theft of CNIC, the card holder shall immediately report about its loser, theft or snatching to the nearest Police Station and submit an affidavit, duly verified by an Oath Commissioner, containing the facts about the said loss, theft or snatching and the copy of the same shall be annexed with the application made to NADRA for issuance of the duplicate CNIC.

Provided that in case such card is recovered the same shall be returned to the NADRA immediately and the valid CNIC shall only be used".

3. **Amendment of section 19, Ordinance VIII of 2000.** - In the said Ordinance, in section 19, after sub-section (2) the following new sub-section (3), shall be inserted and subsequent sub-section shall be re-numbered accordingly. Namely,-

"(3) Whenever a proof of identity of a citizen, who has attained the age of eighteen years, and possesses a Computerized National Identity Card, is required, he shall produce original CNIC for inspection. Photocopy of CNIC shall not be made, produced and utilized for any purpose of identity, nor any authority, organization (public/private) shall demand copy thereof. Photocopy of CNIC shall not be a valid document for the purpose of identification of any person".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is a common practice that public and private organizations require the photocopy of CNIC with or without certain other documents as a proof of identity. The copies are ultimately being misused for various criminal or illegal activities. The main purpose of an identity card is identity of a citizen. This purpose is served as and when the original card is produced. The practice of demanding/producing copy of CNIC should be stopped and exclusive use of original CNIC should be encouraged.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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