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AN ACT to amend the Sindh Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 2024.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Sindh Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 2024, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

Preamble.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Act, 2025. **Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. In the Sindh Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 2024, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, in clause (c), for the word “Regional Police Officer”, the words “Deputy Inspector General of Police of the Range or Zone” shall be substituted. **Amendment of Section 2 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**
3. In the said Act, in section 17, in sub-section (1), after the words “Director General Narcotics Control Sindh,”, the words “an officer of Police Establishment not below the rank of Sub-Inspector authorized in this behalf by the Inspector General of Police or Deputy Inspector General of Police of the Range or Zone” shall be inserted. **Amendment of Section 17 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**
4. In the said Act, in section 18, in clause (b), in the Explanation, for the word “contended”, the word “intended” shall be substituted. **Amendment of Section 18 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**
5. In the said Act, in section 24 – **Amendment of section 24 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**
 - (i) in sub-section (1), the full-stop at the end shall be replaced by a colon and thereafter the following proviso shall be added:-

“Provided that if any currency whether local or foreign or any valuable item having monetary value used for the commission of the offence under this Act, is seized, it shall be confiscated along with other articles.”
 - (ii) in sub-section (2), after the words “other conveyance”, the words “and property, premises or place” shall be inserted.

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6. In the said Act, in section 27, in sub-section (1), in the proviso the full-stop at the end shall be replaced by a colon and thereafter the following new proviso shall be added:-
- Amendment of section 27 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**
- “Provided further that all the police stations and police posts of the Sindh Police in the Province of Sindh shall perform the functions as Narcotics Control Police Stations under this Act:
- Provided also that the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from 28th October, 2024.”.
7. In the said Act, in section 28 –
- Amendment of section 28 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**
- (i) for the word “invest”, the word “delegate” shall be substituted;
- (ii) the words “Police Establishment” shall be omitted;
- (iii) after the words “police station”, the words “as defined under the Code” shall be inserted;
- (iv) the full-stop at the end shall be replaced by a colon and thereafter the following provisos shall be added:-
- “Provided that the Police Establishment under their respective jurisdiction shall exercise the power of the officer incharge of the police station as defined under the Code to perform any functions under this Act:
- Provided further that the provisions of this section shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from 28th October, 2024.”.
8. In the said Act, in section 30, for sub-section (4), the following shall be substituted:-
- Amendment of section 30 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**
- “(4) Government shall appoint a Judge or Presiding Officer of the Special Court for a non-renewable term of two and a half years from among a panel of three nominees, as specified under sub-section (3), which shall include at least one Advocate, and shall be conveyed by the Law Department to the Chief Justice, High Court of Sindh for concurrence:

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Provided that a person who has previously served as Judge or Presiding Officer of the Special Court under this Act may be included in the panel of three nominees for fresh appointment:

Provided further that no nominee shall be eligible for appointment if he or she has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years:

Provided also that upon attaining the age of sixty-five (65) years, a Judge or Presiding Officer appointed under this section shall cease to hold office:

Provided further that Law Department shall, after receiving the concurrence under this subsection, place the matter before Government for appointment of the Judge or the Presiding Officer of the Special Court under this Act:

Provided further that in case of appointment of a retired Judge or Presiding Officer, the terms and conditions of such appointment shall be determined by Government.”.

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| 9. | In the said Act, in section 33, in sub-section (3), for the words “Special Court comprising a Judicial Magistrate of the First Class”, the words “Court of Judicial Magistrate” shall be substituted. | Amendment of section 33 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024. |
| 10. | In the said Act, for section 35, the following shall be substituted:-

“35. When bail may be taken in offences registered under this Act. (1) When any person accused of any offence registered under this Act is arrested or detained with or without warrant by any authorized officer under sections 16, 17, 18, 19 and 28, or appears or is brought before a Special Court or competent court, he may be released on bail, but he shall not be so released if there appears reasonable grounds for believing that he has been guilty of an offence punishable with death, imprisonment for life or imprisonment up-to five years. | Substitution of section 35 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024. |

Provided that the Special Court or competent court may direct that any person under the age of fourteen years or any sick or infirm person, endangering such sickness and infirmity to his life, accused of such an offence be released on bail:

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Provided further that a person accused of an offence as aforesaid shall not be released on bail unless the prosecution has been given at least forty-eight hours' notice to show cause why he should not be so released.

(2) If it appears to the Special Court or competent court at any stage of the investigation, inquiry or trial, as the case may be, that there are no reasonable grounds for believing that the accused is arrested under this Act, but there are sufficient grounds for further inquiry into his being guilty, the accused shall, pending such inquiry, be released on bail with sureties specified under sub-section (5), for his appearance, if necessary as hereinafter provided.

(3) The Special Court or competent court releasing any person on bail under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall record in writing its reasons for doing so.

(4) A High Court, Special Court or competent court, in the case of a person released by itself, may cause a person who has been released under this section to be arrested and may commit him to custody, if it appears that the accused so released has violated the terms of bail or misuse the concession granted thereunder.

(5) **Bond of accused and sureties.** (a) Before a person is released on bail, a bond for such sum of money as the Special Court or competent court, as the case may be, thinks sufficient shall be executed by such person and, when he is released on bail, by one or more sufficient sureties conditioned that such person shall attend at the time and place mentioned in bond, and shall continue so to attend until otherwise directed by the Special Court or competent court, as the case may be

(b) If the case so required, the bond shall also bound the person released on bail to appear when called upon at the High Court, Special Court or competent court, as the case may be, to answer the charge.

(c) **Discharge from custody.** As soon as bond has been executed, the person for whose appearance it has been executed, the Court admitting him to bail shall issue an order of release to the officer in charge of the Jail, and such officer on receipt of the order shall release him, if he is not required in any other case.

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(6) Power to order sufficient bail when that first taken is insufficient. If, through mistake, fraud or otherwise, insufficient sureties have been accepted, or if they afterwards become insufficient, the High Court, Special Court or competent court, as the case may be, may issue a warrant of arrest directing that the person released on bail be brought before it and may order him to find sufficient sureties, and, on his failing so to do, may commit him to Jail.

(7) The trial court shall conclude the trial within a period of twelve months.”.

11. In the said Act, in section 44, in sub-section (2), after clause (a), the following new clause shall be inserted:-
- Amendment of Section 44 of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**

“(aa) the framework governing operational procedures, record keeping and jurisdictional coordination for the parallel enforcement of laws by the Narcotics Control Police, Police Establishment, or any other relevant law enforcement agency, as applicable;”.

12. In the said Act, after section 44, the following new section shall be inserted:-
- Insertion of new section 44-A in Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**

“44-A. **Removal of difficulty.** If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, Government may, by order, remove such difficulty in giving effect to the provisions of this Act.”.

13. In the said Act, in Schedule-III (a), after entry 39, the following new entry shall be inserted:-
- Amendment of Schedule-III(a) of Sindh Act No. VIII of 2024.**

“39-A.	Ketamine and its salts	Ketlar, Ketaset, Ketajet, Ketavet, Vetamine, etc.	2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)-cyclohexanone.”.
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14. In the said Act, in Schedule-III (b), for DIVISION-I & DIVISION-II, the following shall be substituted:-

**Amendment of
Schedule-III(b) of
Sindh Act No. VIII
of 2024.**

**“DIVISION-I
(TABLE-I OF THE 1988 CONVENTION)**

Ephedrine	N-acetylanthranilic acid
Erogometrine	Isosafrole
Erogotamine	3, 4 methyldeioxyphenyl-
Lysergic acid	2-propanone
4-pheny 1-2 propanone	Sulphuric acid
Pseudoephedrine	Safrole

**“DIVISION-II
(TABLE-II OF THE 1988 CONVENTION)**

Acetic anhydride	Hydrochloric acid
Acetone	Methyle ethyl
Anbthranilic Acid	Ketone
Ethyle eter	Potassium permanganate
Phenylacetic Acid	Sulphuric acid
VB Piperidine	Toluene.:.