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PART-IV

**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH
NOTIFICATION
KARACHI, THE 28TH JUNE, 2016.**

NO.PAS/Legis-B-27/2014-The Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Bill, 2014 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 29th April, 2016 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 21st June, 2016 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

THE SINDH SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE ACT, 2014.

SINDH ACT NO. XXI OF 2016.

**AN
ACT**

to make provisions for the welfare of senior citizens of the Province of Sindh.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provisions for welfare of the senior citizens of the Province of Sindh by providing them support for improvement of their entire well-being of the elderly, their participation in the society and to provide for matters ancillary thereto; **Preamble.**

CHAPTER-I PRELIMINARY

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act, 2014. **Short title, extent and commencement.**
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of the Province of Sindh.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant to the subject or context:

- (a) "Council" means the Council established under section 3;
- (b) "dental services" means the dental services provided by the hospital, clinic, dispensary and health care centre controlled by Government;
- (c) "geriatric" means the branch of medical science devoted to the study of the biological and physical changes and the diseases of old age;
- (d) "Fund" means the Senior Citizens Welfare Fund established under section 12.
- (e) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
- (f) "lodging establishment" means a building, edifice, structure, apartment or house including tourist inn, apartelle, motorist hotel, and pension house engaged in catering lasing or providing facilities to transients, tourists or travellers;
- (g) "medical and health services" means a hospital services, professional services of physicians and other health care professionals and diagnostics and laboratory tests necessary for diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury provided in Government hospitals, clinics, dispensaries and health care centres;
- (h) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (i) "senior citizen" means a senior citizen permanently resident of the Province of Sindh who is the age of sixty years or above;
- (j) "senior citizen card" means the identification card issued by the Council to avail benefits and privileges as provided under this Act.

**CHAPTER-II
SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL**

Establishment of Council.

3. (1) Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Council for the welfare of the senior citizens which shall consist of -

- (i) Minister for Social Welfare Department **Chairperson**
- (ii) Two Members of Provincial Assembly of Sindh to be nominated by the Speaker of Sindh Assembly **Members**
- (iii) Secretary, Finance Department **Member**
- (iv) Secretary, Health Department **Member**
- (v) Secretary, Local Government Department **Member**
- (vi) Secretary, Zakat and Usher Department **Member**

- (vii) Secretary, Transport Department **Member**
 (viii) Secretary, Food and Agriculture Department **Member**
 (ix) Two members from amongst a well known NGO's, one engaged in the welfare of the Senior Citizens and one from human rights **Members**
 (x) Two senior citizens from civil society, one of whom shall be a retired Government officer and one businessman **Members**
 (xi) One Retired Sessions Judge or Additional Sessions Judge **Member**
 (xii) Secretary, Social Welfare Department **Member/Secretary**

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal with the power to acquire, hold and dispose of property both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(3) The headquarters of the Council shall be at Karachi and it shall establish its offices at district level in Sindh.

(4) The Council may co-opt any person as a member for any particular purpose, but such person shall not have right of vote.

(5) An official member appointed by virtue of his office shall cease to be the member on vacating such office.

(6) A non-official member shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of his appointment, and shall be eligible for re-appointment for such duration as the Government may determine.

(7) A non-official member may at any time, before the expiry of his term, resign from his office, or be removed from office by the Government without assigning any reason.

(8) Any person appointed on a casual vacancy in the office of non-official member shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of such vacancy.

4. (1) No person shall be or shall continue to be a member who -

Disqualification of member.

- (a) is not a citizen of Pakistan;
- (b) is found a lunatic or becomes of un-sound mind;
- (c) is or at any time has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;
- (d) is or has at any time been adjudicated insolvent;
- (e) is or has at any time been disqualified for employment in or dismissed from Government service;

