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Total health laws: 196

Detailed list of all Public Health Related Laws of Pakistan

A. PREVENTIVE

Food Laws

1. West Pakistan Pure Food Ordinance (VII of 1960).
2. The Pakistan Penal Code (XLV of 1860) – [Sections 272 & 273 - Provisions relating to prevention of adulteration and sale of Noxious food or drink)
3. The Foodstuffs (Control) Act (XX of 1958).
4. The Foodstuffs Distribution Order, 1967.
5. The Foodstuffs (Control) [Punjab Amendment and Validation] Ordinance (XXVII of 1971)
6. The Food grains (Licensing Control) Order, 1957.
7. The Food grains (Licensing Control) Order, 1959
8. The Sugar (Licensing Control) Order, 1972.
9. The Punjab Paddy and Rice (Control) Order, 1981).
10. The Cantonments Pure Food Act (XV of 1966).
11. The Sugar Distribution Order, 1960.
12. Sind Paddy and Rice (Control) Order, 1973.
13. Sind Rice Mills Order, 1945.
14. The Rice (Restrictions on Cultivation) Ordinance (LVIII of 1959).
15. The Wheat, Wheat Atta, maize, Rice and Sugar Distribution Order, 1967.
16. The Wheat Movement (Control) Order, 1978.
17. The Foodstuffs (Control) [Punjab Amendment and Validation] Ordinance (XXVII of 1971).
18. The Border Areas Foodstuffs (Control) Order, 1958.
19. Punjab Border Areas Foodstuffs (Control) Order, 1974.
20. The Foodstuffs (Futures and Options Prohibition) Order, 1958.
21. The Sugarcane Act [XV of 1934].
22. The Sugar Products Control Order, 1948.
23. The Sugarcane Control Order, 1961.
24. The Sugar Factories Control Act (XXIV of 1950).
25. The Punjab Sugarcane Control Order, 1972.
26. The Sugar (Licensing Control) Order, 1972.
27. The Sind Sugar (Licensing Control) Order, 1972.
28. The Central Excise Duty on Sugar (Validation) Ordinance (XXXIV of 1979).
29. The Sind Paddy and Rice (Control) Order, 1973.
30. The Flour Mills (Control) Order, 1959.
31. The Gur Control Order, 1948.
32. The Tea (Control of Prices, Distribution and Movement) Ordinance (XXVIII of 1960).
33. The price Control and prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act (XXIX of 1977).
34. The Mandi Control and Procurement Order, 1957.
35. The Hoarding and black market Order (XIV of 1956).
36. The Foodstuffs and fertilizers (Cancellation of Authorizations and Dealerships) Ordinance, 1978 (XXI of 1978).

37. The Punjab Meat (Control) Order, 1978.
38. The Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil Industry (Control and Development) Act (LXV of 1973).
39. The N.W.F.P. Foodstuffs (Control) Order, 1975.
40. The Power Kerosene Distribution Order, 1955.
41. The Pakistan Hotels and Restaurants Act (LXXXI of 1976).
42. The N.W.F.P. (Supply of Wheat to Flour Mills) Act, 1999.
43. Balochistan foodstuffs Wholesale and Retail Dealers (Cancellation of Authorizations) (Amendment) Ordinance 2001
44. Balochistan Pure food (Amendment) Act 1995
45. Balochistan Pure food (Amendment) Ordinance 2001
46. Foodstuffs and Fertilizers (Cancellation of Authorizations and Dealerships) Ordinance, 1978
47. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa foodstuffs (Control) (Amendment) Act, 2013
48. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa foodstuffs (Control) Order, 1975
49. Punjab Economy of Food Order, 1975
50. Punjab food Safety and Standards Authority Ordinance, 2011
51. Punjab Pure Food (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001
52. Punjab Pure Food Act, 1929
53. Sindh food grains Nationalization Board Act, 1951
54. Sindh foodstuffs (Control) Act, 1958
55. Sindh Pure food (Amendment) Act, 1995
56. The Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil Industry (Control and Development) Act, 1973
57. Punjab Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Development Board Act, 1974.

Laws Related to Occupational Health

1. The Factories Act, 1934 (Occupational Health Law)
2. The Employees' Social Security Ordinance, 1965
3. The Workers' Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971
4. The Employees Old-Age Benefits Act, 1976
5. The National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (Administration) Ordinance 1979
6. The Pakistan Plant Quarantine Act, 1976

Control of Communicable Diseases

1. The Vaccination Act, 1880
2. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
3. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1958
4. The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Act, 2011
5. The Public Health (Emergency Provisions) Ordinance, 1944
6. West Pakistan Epidemic Diseases Act, 1958
7. Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Ordinance, 2007
8. The Glanders and Farcy Act, 1899 an act on HORSES.

Prohibition of Smoking and Substance

1. Punjab Juvenile Smoking Act, 1918
2. State of Bahawalpur Juvenile Smoking Act, 1918
3. N.W.F.P Juvenile Smoking Act, 1933
4. The West Pakistan Tobacco Vend Act 1958
5. West Pakistan Juvenile Smoking Ordinance, 1959
6. Punjab Prohibition of Smoking in Cinema Houses Ordinance, 1960
7. The Cigarettes (Printing of Warning) Ordinance, 1979
8. The Cigarette (printing of warning/amendment) Ordinance
9. Punjab Prohibition of Smoking in Cinema Houses (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001
10. The West Pakistan Prohibition of Opium Smoking Ordinance, 1960
11. Prohibition of Smoking in Enclosed Places and Protection of Non-smokers Health Ordinance, 2002
12. Balochistan Prohibition of smoking in Cinema Houses (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001

Laws for Enforcement of International Health Regulations

1. Foreigners Act, 1946
2. Civil Aviation Ordinance, 1982
3. Ports Act, 1908
4. Federal Investigation Agency Act, 1975
5. Prison Act, 1894
6. Custom Act, 1969
7. Rangers Act
8. Police Act

Intoxicants

1. The Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Order, 1979.

Environmental Protection

1. The Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997.
2. Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance, 2002.

Emergencies/Disasters

1. The National Disaster Management Ordinance, 2006
2. The National Disaster Management Ordinance, 2007
3. The National Disaster Management Ordinance, 2009
4. The National Disaster Management Act, 2010
5. The National Disaster Management (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) (Amendment) Act, 2012
6. The Public Health (emergency provisions) Ordinance, 1944 (updated 06/12/2003)

Malaria Eradication

1. The Malaria Eradication Board Ordinance, 1961.

2. The Malaria Eradication Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1965
3. The Malaria Eradication Board (Repeal) Act, 1975

HIV/AIDS

1. The HIV and AIDS Prevention, and Treatment Act, Draft 2006.

B. CURATIVE

Drug Laws

1. The Drugs Act, 1940 & 1976.
2. The DRAP Act, 2012
3. The Drugs (Generic Names) Act, 1972 (XXIV of 1972).
4. The Dangerous Drugs Act, 1930 (II of 1930).
5. The Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Provisions Aimed at prevention of Adulteration of Drugs).
6. The Pharmacy Act, 1967 (XI of 1967).
7. The Poisons Act, 1919 (XII of 1919).
8. Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 (II of 1965).
9. Allopathic System (Prevention of Misuse) Ordinance, 1962 (LXV of 1962).
10. Pharmaceutical Industry (Cost Accounting Records) Order, 1995.
11. The Patents Ordinance, 2000
12. The Patents (Amendment) Ordinance, 2006
13. The Patents (Amendment) Act, 2010

Blood Safety

1. Transfusion of Safe Blood Ordinance, 2002.
2. The Punjab Transfusion of Safe Blood Ordinance, 1999
3. The Punjab transfusion of safe blood (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001
4. Sindh Transfusion of Safe Blood Act, 1997
5. Sindh Transfusion of safe blood (Amendment) Ordinance, 2005
6. NWFP Transfusion of Safe Blood Act, 1999
7. Balochistan Safe Blood Transfusion Act, 2004
8. Islamabad Transfusion of Safe Blood Ordinance, 2002

Breast-feeding & MNCH Laws

1. The Protection of Breastfeeding and Young Child Nutrition Ordinance, 2002.
2. The Punjab Reproductive, Maternal, Neo-natal and child health Authority Act, 2014 (updated 10/04/2014)
3. The Punjab Maternity Benefit Ordinance, 1958 (updated 28/02/2012)

C. REHABILITATIVE

Disabled Persons

1. The Disabled Persons' (Employment and Rehabilitation) Ordinance (XL of 1981).
2. The Disabled Persons' (Employment and Rehabilitation) (Amendment) Act, 2012
3. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Disabled Persons (Employment and Rehabilitation) (Amendment) Act, 2012

Mental Health

1. The Mental Health Ordinance, 2001 (last updated 06/06/2014)

D. MISCELLANEOUS/OTHERS

Health Governance Laws OR/AND Laws pertaining to Health Organizations/Institutions

1. The National Institute of Health Ordinance, 1980
2. Punjab Health Foundation Ordinance, 1992
3. Punjab Medical and Health Institutions Ordinance, 2002
4. Sindh Health Institutions (Establishment and Management) Ordinance, 2002
5. Pakistan Armed Forces Nursing Service Act, 1952
6. Pakistan Nursing Council Act, 1973
7. The Medical Colleges (Governing Bodies) Ordinance, 1961
8. Allopathic System (Prevention of Misuse) Ordinance, 1962
9. Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962
10. The National Institute of Health Ordinance, 1980 (XLIII of 1980).
11. The National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (Administration) Ordinance, 1979 (I of 1979).
12. The Medical Diplomas Act 1966
13. The Medical College Ordinance, 1961
14. The Medical Colleges Ordinance, 1970
15. Pakistan College of Physicians and Surgeons Ordinance, 1962
16. The Unani, Ayurvedic and Homeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965
17. The Health Services Academy Ordinance, 2002
18. The Punjab Medical and Health Institutions Act, 2003 (last updated 21/04/2014)
19. The University of Health Sciences Ordinance, 2002 (last updated 21/04/2014)
20. The Medical Colleges (Governing Bodies)(Punjab Repeal) Ordinance, 1970 (last updated 06/12/2003)
21. The Punjab Health Foundations Act, 1992 (last updated 21/04/2014)
22. The Punjab Healthcare Commission Act, 2010 (last updated 25/08/2010)
23. The Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962 (XXXII of 1962).
24. The Medical and Dental Degrees Ordinance, 1982 (XXVI of 1982).

Laws pertaining to the Social Determinants of Health

1. The Female Infanticide Prevention Act, 1870
2. The Pakistan Hotels and Restaurants Act, 1976
3. Karachi Water Management Act, 1994
4. The Local Government Ordinance, 2001
5. The Punjab Animal Slaughter Control Act, 1961

6. The Punjab Agriculture Produce Market Ordinance, 1978
7. The Forest Act, 1972
8. The Compulsory Service in the Armed Forces Ordinance, 1971
9. West Pakistan Maternity Benefit Ordinance, 1958
10. The Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961
11. Leave and Holidays Under the Mines Act, 1923
12. Leave and Holidays under the Factories Act, 1934
13. Leave and Holidays Under Road Transport Workers Ordinance, 1961
14. Leave and Holidays Under the West Pakistan Shops and Establishments Ordinance, 1969
15. Leave and Holidays Under the Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 1973
16. Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2010
17. The Islamabad Consumer Protection Act, 1995
18. The ICT Local Government Ordinance, 2002
19. The Punjab Animal Slaughter Control Act, 1963
20. The Enactment of Children's Education Workers Children (Education) Order, 1972
21. Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act, 1996
22. National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000
23. Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance, 2002
24. Pakistan Penal Code 1860 (Various articles are relevant to the social determinants of health)
25. The Provincial Employees Social Security Ordinance, 1965 (last updated 21/04/2014)
26. Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act

Laws Relating to Marriage, Divorce law in Pakistan and Child Custody and Maintenance

1. Guardians and Wards Act 1890
2. Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929
3. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
4. Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act 1939
5. Muslim Family Law Ordinance 1961
6. (West Pakistan) Muslim Personal Law (*Shariat*) Application Act 1962
7. (West Pakistan) Family Courts Act 1964
8. Offence of *Zina* (Enforcement of *Hudood*) Ordinance 1979
9. Law of Evidence (*Qanun-e-Shahadat*) Order 1984
10. Enforcement of *Sharia* Act 1991
11. Dowry and Bridal Gifts (Restriction) Act 1976
12. Prohibition (Enforcement of *Hudood*) Order 1979
13. Offence of *Qazf* (Enforcement of *Hudood*) Order 1979
14. Execution of Punishment of Whipping Ordinance 1979