

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

NOTIFICATION

03 March 2015

No.PAP/Legis-3(15)/2015/1188. The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, is hereby published for general information under rule 93(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997:-

THE CHILD MARRIAGE RESTRAINT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015

Bill No. 11 of 2015

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Bill

further to amend the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929.

Whereas it is expedient *further to amend the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 (XIX of 1929), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;*

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Child Marriage Restraint (Amendment) Act, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in Section 4 of Act XIX of 1929.— In the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 (XIX of 1929), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 4, the words “one month” shall be substituted with the words “three years” and the words “one thousand rupees” shall be substituted with the words “one hundred thousand rupees”.

3. Amendment in Section 5 of Act XIX of 1929.— In the said Act, in Section 5, the words “one month” shall be substituted with the words “one year” and the words “one thousand rupees” shall be substituted with the words “fifty thousand rupees”.

4. Amendment in Section 6 of Act XIX of 1929.— In the said Act, in Section 6, in sub-section(1), the words “one month” shall be substituted with the words “six months” and the words “one thousand rupees” shall be substituted with the words “thirty thousand rupees”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 was last amended in 1971 and few changes were made. We have seen many cases of child forced marriages either by parents or guardians or third party. Laws regulating Child marriage restraints were neither strong enough to carry society as per Islamic Laws nor it gives proper security to fundamental rights of children. We cannot change Islamic Laws as they are derived from Quran. This amendment will make our future generations save from child abuse in accordance with Islamic laws and

fundamental rights. It is the responsibility of our state to fulfill International commitments on child rights. According to United Nations gathering of 189 member states in 2000 set "The Millennium Development Goals Set Priorities for Children" and this law will be a step forwarded.
Hence this Bill.

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