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*further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan*

**Whereas** it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Article 37 of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 37, in paragraph (h), the words and commas "and, in the case of non-Muslims, religious purposes" shall be omitted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

1. That due to existing paragraph (h) of Article 37 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan the minorities of Pakistan are facing defamation, agony, insult and discrimination.
2. That all the minorities are agreed that none of any religion is allowing the consumption of alcoholic liquor for the religious purposes.
3. That all the religions existing in Pakistan are facing criminal proceedings and cases due to this paragraph and local police in all over the country registering fake, false, frivolous cases against the minorities, this is the one of the reason for the amendment of the said paragraph of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
4. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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**ORIGINAL ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ISLAMIC  
REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN, 1973, WHICH THE CONSTITUTION  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015, SEEKS TO AMEND [MOVED BY  
SENATOR HAFIZ HAMDULLAH]**

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**37. Promotion of social justice and eradication of social evils.-** The State shall-

- (a) promote, with special care, the educational and economic interests of backward classes or areas;
- (b) remove illiteracy and provide free and compulsory secondary education within minimum possible period;
- (c) make technical and professional education generally available and higher education equally accessible to all on the basis of merit;
- (d) ensure inexpensive and expeditious justice;
- (e) make provision for securing just and humane conditions of work, ensuring that children and women are not employed in vocations unsuited to their age or sex, and for maternity benefits for women in employment;
- (f) enable the people of different areas, through education, training, agricultural and industrial development and other methods, to participate fully in all forms of national activities, including employment in the service of Pakistan;
- (g) prevent prostitution, gambling and taking of injurious drugs, printing, publication, circulation and display of obscene literature and advertisements;
- (h) prevent the consumption of alcoholic liquor otherwise than for medicinal and, in the case of non-Muslims, religious purposes; and
- (i) decentralize the Government administration so as to facilitate expeditious disposal of its business to meet the convenience and requirements of the public.

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