

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898);

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 292C, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as Penal Code, in the section 292-C, for the words "two years and may extend upto seven years, or with fine which shall not be less than two hundred thousand rupees, and may extend upto seven hundred thousand, rupees, or with both", the words "fourteen years and may extend up to twenty years and with fine which shall not be less than one million rupees" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 377B, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the Penal Code, in the section 377B, for the words "may extend to seven years and liable to fine which shall not be less than five hundred thousand rupees or with both", the words "shall not be less than fourteen years and may extend up to twenty years and liable to fine which shall not be less than one million rupees" shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 (Act V of 1898), in Schedule II:

(a) against section 292C, for entry in column 7, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"Imprisonment not less than fourteen years or more than twenty years and with fine which shall not be less than one million rupees".

(b) Against section 377B, for entry in column 7, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"Imprisonment not less than fourteen years or more than twenty years and with fine which shall not be less than one million rupees".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Recent events relating to sexual abuse of children throughout the country have necessitated that tough punishments shall be doled out to the perpetrators. Current penalties are less compared to the magnitude of the crime. The Bill aims to increase the punishment of child pornography and sexual abuse of minors.

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