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*further to amend the Poisons Act, 1919 (No. XII of 1919)*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Poisons Act, 1919 for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Poisons (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(3) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT).

2. **Amendment of section 2, Act XII of 1919.**- After Section 2, the following explanation shall be added, namely:-

***“Explanation: Poison Includes every kind of acid with particular chemical properties, which has a corroding effect and may destroy, cause hurt, deface or dismember any organ of the human body.”.***

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

A growing and worrying trend of acid-throwing attacks in Pakistan has seen a surge of women left with disfigured faces and left blinded for life. During the recent years, government has included the crime in Pakistan Penal Code. However, there is still no law to regulate the manufacturing and supply of acids, resultantly; any person has easy access to them to use against any human. In view of these circumstances, it is need of time to define the acid as poison to regulate the manufacturing and supply of acids in the country.

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