

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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BILL

*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 (XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Omission of section 325, Act XLV of 1860.- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), section 325 shall be omitted.

3. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), in Schedule II, the entries relating to section 325 shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Attempt to commit suicide is the last stage of frustration. It is the duty of the welfare State to provide relief to its citizens instead of criminalizing the one who is already suffering. It is, therefore, expedient to omit section 325 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, the entries relating to section 325 in Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 and provide rehabilitation facilities.

The Bill strives to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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