

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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BILL

further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and 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. Amendment of Section 364A, Act XLV of 1860.- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), in the section 364A, for the words "age of fourteen", occurring twice, the words "age of eighteen" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), in Schedule II, Chapter XVI, in the entry relating to section 364A, in column 2, for the words "age of fourteen" the words "age of eighteen" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Children are among the most vulnerable members of society. The law should protect children until they are able to interact in society as adults. Child abductions continue to be a large problem in the country due to tendency in children to deal with persons.

2. For making children of this country safer, this Bill has been designed to increase the age of child from "fourteen" to "eighteen" for the offences under section 364A of the Pakistan Penal Code.

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