

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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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 (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, 2018.

(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 the Penal Code, in the section 292C for the expression, "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 expression, "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 expression, "may extend to seven years and liable to fine which shall not be less than five hundred thousand rupees or with both", the expression "shall not be less than fourteen years and may extend up to twenty years and with fine which shall not be less than one million rupees", shall be substituted.

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

(a) For entry relating to section 292C, in column 7, the following shall be substituted namely:-

"Imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than fourteen years and may extend up to twenty years and with fine which shall not be less than one million rupees".

(b) For entry relating to section 377B, in column 7, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"Imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than fourteen years and may extend up to 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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