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[~~TO~~ BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

A

*Bill*

*further to amend the Succession Act, 1925 to the extent of its application to Islamabad Capital Territory.*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Succession Act, 1925 (XXXIX of 1925) for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Succession (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in section 2 of Act XXXIX of 1925.**— In the Succession Act, 1925 (XXXIX of 1925), in section 2, for clause (d), the following shall be substituted:

“(d) “Pakistani Christian” means a citizen of Pakistan who professes any form of Christian religion;”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (LJCP) in its Report No. 96 discussed the pre-independence reference to ‘un-mixed Asiatic descent’ contained in the definition of ‘Pakistani Christian’ under section 2(d) of the Succession Act, 1925. This is considered discriminatory and offending for the Christian community and LJCP proposed amendment in the said definition to omit this reference. Hence this Bill.

  
**MINISTER INCHARGE**