

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— This Act may be called the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 5, Act XXXV of 1973.**— In the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils, Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 5, in sub-section (2), in clause (a), for the figure "75", the figure "74" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 57, Act XXXV of 1973.**— In the said Act, for Section 57 the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"57. **Grants to Bar Councils and Bar Associations.**— The Federal Government and the Provincial Governments may make grants-in-aid to the Pakistan Bar Council, Islamabad Bar Council, Provincial Bar Councils and the Bar Associations as they may deem fit, having regard to the total number of advocates on the roll of a Bar Council or a Bar association and in certain cases keeping in view also the requirements of a particular Bar Council or a Bar Association in accordance with the prescribed procedures."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill seeks to rectify an anomaly created by the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2014 wherein the number of seats for Punjab Bar Council in section 5(2) of the Act remained un-amended, whereas the Schedule to the Act was amended.

2. Moreover, for the benefit of the lawyer community at large, it is proposed to bring various Bar Councils and Associations of the country in the ambit of Federal grants. The grants shall be made having regard to the total number of Advocates on the roll of a Bar Council or Bar Association and in certain cases keeping also in view the requirements of a particular Bar Council or Bar Association in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid object.

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