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further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 37 of the Constitution.- (1) In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 37, in paragraph (h), the words and commas "and, in the case of non-Muslims, religious" shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Drinking alcoholic liquor is an evil act which leads to the destruction of social and moral fabrics of the society. No religion allows the consumption of alcoholic liquor for religious purposes. The exception to prevention of alcoholic liquor's consumption for religious purposes given in article 37 of the Constitution is against the spirit of all religions prevailing in Pakistan. This exception is against the protection guaranteed to the minorities in Article 36 of the Constitution. Due to this exception, the non-Muslims of Pakistan are facing defamation, agony, insult, discrimination, fake and frivolous cases and criminal proceedings. All the non-Muslims of Pakistan agree that their religions do not allow the consumption of alcoholic liquor for religious purposes.

Through this amendment, the consumption of alcoholic liquor for religious purposes on the name of non-Muslims will be prohibited. In this way the non-Muslims of Pakistan will be protected from defamation, agony, insult, discrimination, fake and frivolous cases and criminal proceedings.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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