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Bill

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 for the purposes hereinafter appearing: -

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. **Short title and commencement.** -(1) This Act may be called the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(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, hereinafter referred as the said Act, in section 5, in sub-section (2), in paragraph (a), for the figures "twenty eight" appearing against Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council, the figures "twenty nine" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment in Schedule of the Act No. XXXV of 1973:** - In the said Act, in the Schedule, in the title, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA BAR COUNCIL, after heading, GROUP OF DISTRICTS-VI, following new heading, GROUP OF DISTRICTS-VII, shall be added namely: -

"GROUP OF DISTRICTS-VII"

Name of District:

Khyber + Mohmand + Bajaur +01
Orakzai + Kurram + South Waziristan +
North Waziristan"

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bar Councils are autonomous organization working under the Statutes/Rules for the benefits of lawyers community, who in return work for the upholding of the Constitution, Law and Rules. After the 25th Constitutional Amendment, the Tribal Areas/FR including seven agencies merged in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the laws of land were adopted for the running of government affairs. Before merging the judicial system in the erstwhile FATA was runned /administered by the Federal Government through its executive officer. After merging a dire need has arised for developing a legal community by giving them opportunities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council.

2. Most lawyers from those merged areas are enrolled and practicing profession in adjacent cities because they have no Bar to either enroll, practice or contest election, therefore it is the dire need to recognize the lawyer of erstwhile tribal areas by enhancing the Bar Council seats, as it does not correspond with the current population as well.

3. This Bill therefore, seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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