

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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Bill

further to amend the Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Order, 1979

WHEREAS it is expedient and substantial to bring meaningful and significant amendments in the Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Order, 1979 (IV of 1979) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Order (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 4, Order IV of 1979. - In the Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Order, 1979 (IV of 1979), in Article 4,-

(i) the first proviso shall be omitted; and

(ii) in the second proviso, the word "further" occurring after the word "Provided" 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.

2. 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.

3. This bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMED
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE

