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**A
Bill**

further to amend the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017 (XXXII of 2017) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act may be called the National Commission on the Rights of Child (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 3, Act XXXII of 2017. - In the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017 (XXXII of 2017), in section 3, in sub-section (2), in the table, in the corresponding entry of serial (h) in second column, for the words "six members, one from each province, Islamabad Capital Territory and Federally Administered Tribal Areas", the words "five members, one from each province and Islamabad Capital Territory", shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The National Commission on the Rights of Child Act was created to protect the rights of all children. Although all units and schools of thought are represented in it, it is observed that according to the current law, one of their members must be a woman and from minority. Therefore, the member appointed from Punjab at present is also a woman and a member of minority in the commission. Furthermore, it assigns the member two constituencies as per notification. As member Punjab, the constituency is Punjab while as member Minority the constituency is Pakistan. Subsequently, this dual role limits the progress and contribution of the member.

2. More than half of Pakistan's population consists of women and a large number of minorities live in the country. Not giving them separate representation in such commission is unfair to them. Therefore it is propose to give them separate representation through this Bill.

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