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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 at serial no. (h), for the expression in the second column, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"five members, one from each Province and the Islamabad Capital Territory, out of which one member shall be from women, one from minorities and one from medical profession with specialization in pediatrics, all having experience of not less than ten years of work in the field of child rights;"

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The purpose of constitution of a National Commission on the Rights of Child has been to preserve and protect the rights of children in Pakistan. The health of a child is the most important right, which should be taken care of at all costs. Through this Act, a National Commission has been established, consisted of members from all over Pakistan with experience in the field of children rights, but does not include a medical doctor, with experience in the field of pediatrics. Hence, this amendment has been brought to include a child specialist in the current composition of this Commission.

2. This Bill is aimed to achieve the above-said objective.

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