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further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898

WHEREAS it is expedient and substantial to bring meaningful and significant amendments in the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 182, Act XLV of 1860. - In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), in section 182,

- (i) in clause (a) for the word "seven" the word "ten" shall be substituted;
- (ii) in clause (b) for the word "five" the word "seven" shall be substituted; and
- (iii) in clause (c) for the expression "one-fourth" the expression "one-half" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of schedule II, Act V of 1898.- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) in schedule II,

- (i) against section 182 for the entry in column 7, in clause (a) for the word "seven" the word "ten" shall be substituted;
- (ii) against section 182 for the entry in column 7, in clause (b) for the word "five" the word "seven" shall be substituted; and
- (iii) against section 182 for the entry in column 7, in clause (c) for the expression "one-fourth" the expression "one-half" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It has been observed that the ratio of false accusation and malicious criminal prosecution has been increased these days. In the Criminal Justice system of Pakistan there are provisions regarding a fact where a person if provides information to any public servant which he knows or believes to be false, intending thereby to cause, or knowing it to be likely to cause injury to other person. The wrong doing has been deterred by the code through a punishment proportionate to the offence false fully

charged for. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2023 has been formulated to dissuade those designs trying to indict any person with an illicit intension and without empirical evidence of the labeled offence. To discourage the like minds the amendment bill has proposed increase in the punishment of the said offence.

2. This Bill has been developed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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