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~~[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]~~

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Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 377A, Act XLV of 1860. - In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), in section 377A the words "**where age of person is less than eighteen years**" shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The existing section 377A of the Pakistan Penal Code, merely addresses the offence of sexual abuse against a person who is below the age of eighteen years. Due to the facts on ground, such provision is also required for the persons above the age of eighteen years as well.

2 The proposed amendment aims to provide the above said objective.

**SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**