

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

A
BILL

further to amend the Christian Marriage Act, 1872

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (XV of 1872) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Christian Marriage (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It extends to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 60, Act XV of 1872. - In the Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (XV of 1872), in section 60, in sub-section (1),-

(i) for the word "sixteen" the word, "eighteen", shall be substituted; and

(ii) for the word "thirteen" the word, "eighteen", shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is the function of the state to protect the inviolable dignity of children as their basic human rights and to protect children being married before age of majority as their basic rights to education and other ancillary rights would otherwise be infringed. The main purpose of this enactment is to protect children from being sexually abused and to secure children their basic fundamental rights as enshrined in the Constitution of Pakistan of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the marriageable age in the other laws prevailing in the country.

**SENATOR KAMRAN MICHAEL
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**