

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**A****BILL***further to amend the Majority Act, 1875*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Majority Act, 1875 (IX of 1875), in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Majority (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act IX of 1875.- In the Majority Act, 1875, in section 2, in paragraph (a), the expression "marriage," shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Majority Act, 1875 (IX of 1875) prescribes the age at which a person is deemed to have attained majority for the purposes of law. The reference to "marriage" in section 2 has given rise to ambiguity regarding the legal capacity of persons who contract marriage before attaining the age of majority.

Such ambiguity has, in certain cases, resulted in minors being treated as legally competent on the basis of marital status alone, thereby undermining the protective intent of the law relating to minors.

The proposed amendment seeks to omit the word "marriage" from section 2 of the Majority Act, 1875, in order to clarify that marital status shall not affect the determination of majority, which shall be based solely on age.

2. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid object.

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Member-In-Charge