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further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898)

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend 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 Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898. In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), in Schedule II, in the tabular statement of offences, in the entries relating to section 337A(v), in column (7), for the words, "fourteen years", the words, "ten years" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The purpose of this amendment is to correct a discrepancy between the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, regarding the punishment for *Shajjah-i-Aamah* under section 337A(v). While the Pakistan Penal Code prescribes imprisonment of up to ten years for this offence, Schedule II of the Code of Criminal Procedure incorrectly reflects the punishment as fourteen years. This amendment seeks to harmonize both statutes by substituting the incorrect term with the correct punishment, thereby removing the existing anomaly and ensuring statutory consistency.

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