

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2014

1. Chairman of the Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act No. XLV of 1860), and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act No. V of 1898) [The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2014] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 8th April 2014.

2. The Committee consists of the following members: -

1) Rana Shamim Ahmad Khan	Chairman
2) Syed Javed Ali Shah	Member
3) Mr. Ghalib Khan	Member
4) Dr. Ibadullah	Member
5) Sheikh Muhammad Akram	Member
6) Syed Iftikhar-ul-Hassan	Member
7) Makhdoomzada Basit Bokhari	Member
8) Mian Shahid Hussain Khan Bhatti	Member
9) Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gillani	Member
10) Ms. Tahmina Daultana	Member
11) Mir Dostain Domki	Member
12) Mr. Nauman Islam Shaikh	Member
13) Mr. Ehsan-ur-Rehman Mazari	Member
14) Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur	Member
15) Mr. Khial Zaman Orakzai	Member
16) Dr. Arif Alvi	Member
17) Kanwar Naveed Jameel	Member
18) Mr. Salman Khan Baloch	Member
19) Ms. Naeema Kishwer Khan	Member
20) Mr. Sher Akber Khan	Member
21) Ch. Nisar Ali Khan, Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill on 15-10-2014, 27-10-2016 and 28-12-2016. The Committee recommends that the Bill placed at Annex-A may not be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-
(ABDUL JABBAR ALI)
Secretary

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(RANA SHAMIM AHMAD KHAN)
Chairman
Standing Committee on
Interior and Narcotics Control

Islamabad, the 24th February, 2017

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act, XLV of 1860), and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act 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 Law (Amendment) Bill, 2014.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of new section, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), after section 389, the following new section shall be inserted; namely:-

“389 A. **Extortion by threatening a person telephonically or other information technology means.**- Whoever, in order to committing extortion, by threatening a person telephonically or by use of other information technology means i.e. text messages (SMS), electronic mails, etc., or attempts to put any person in fear, of any injury or depriving someone from some amount of money or some other movable property, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extended to ten years but shall not be less than seven years, and shall also be liable to fine which shall not be less than rupees five hundred thousand or twice the amount or property demanded during such extortion threats, whichever is higher.

3. **Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), in Schedule II, after section 389, in column 1 and the entries relation thereto in columns 2 to 8, the following new section and the entries relating thereto shall be inserted, name, namely:-

“389A.	Extortion by threatening a person telephonically or other information technology means.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years but shall not be less than seven years and fine of not less than	Court of Session”.
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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Extortion is becoming the order of the day and an alternative source of quick riches and wealth for criminal persons at the cost of hard earned money of innocent persons. The businessmen, traders and people in the society as a general are mostly being threatened telephonically, electronic or by use other techniques of information technology to extract money from them. Innocent persons are put under fear of serious consequences including threats of murder, abduction, kidnapping or causing injury to moveable and immovable properties, etc. Such activities are creating unrest and fear in the society depriving the people from their peace of mind. Therefore, it is necessary to create deterrence by such actions offence punishable with harsh punishment.

2. Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objectives.

Sd/-

**Ms. Kishwer Zehra
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Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan
Members, National Assembly**