

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON THE CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

I, the Chairman of Standing Committee on Interior, have honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) [The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 08th August, 2017.

2. The Committee consists of the following: -

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) Shaikh Salahuddin	Member
19) Ms. Naeema Kishwer Khan	Member
20) Mr. Sher Akber Khan	Member
21) Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Interior	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in National Assembly placed at Annex-A in its meetings held on 24-10-2017 and recommends that the Bill may be passed by the National Assembly.

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(QAMAR SOHAIL LODHI)

Acting Secretary

Islamabad, the 15th January, 2018

(RANA SHAMIM AHMAD KHAN)

Chairman

Standing Committee on Interior

{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);

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 292C, Act XLV of 1860.- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as the Penal Code, in the section 292C, for the expression, “two years and may extend up to seven years or with fine which shall not be less than two hundred thousand rupees, and may extend up to seven hundred thousand rupees or with both”, the expression, “fourteen years and may extend up to twenty years and with fine which shall not be less than one million rupees”, shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 377B, Act XLV of 1860.- In the Penal Code, in the section 377B, for the expression, “may extend to seven years and liable to fine which shall not be less than five hundred thousand rupees or with both”, the expression “shall not be less than fourteen years and may extend up to twenty years and with fine which shall not be less than one million rupees”, shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.- In the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 (Act V of 1898), in Schedule II:-

(a) For entry relating to section 292C, in column 7, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“Imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than fourteen years and may extend up to twenty years and with fine which shall not be less than one million rupees s”.

(b) For entry relating to section 377B, in column 7, the following shall be substituted, namely -

“Imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than fourteen years and may extend up to twenty years and with fine which shall not be less than one million rupees”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Recent events relating to sexual abuse of children throughout the country have necessitated that tough punishments shall be doled out to the perpetrators. Current penalties are less compared to the magnitude of the crime. The Bill aims to increase the punishment of child pornography and sexual abuse of minors.

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MS. MUSSARAT AHMAD ZEB,
Member, National Assembly