

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A

Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure (Act V of 1898)

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called "The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act 2016."

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 292C, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) hereinafter referred to as the said code, in section 292C for the words and commas, "imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than two years and may extend upto seven years, or with fine which shall not be less than two hundred thousand rupees, and may extend upto seven hundred thousand, rupees, or with both", the words "death or imprisonment for life", shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 377B, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the said code in section 377B, for the words "imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years and liable to fine which shall not be less than five hundred thousand rupees or with both", the words "death or imprisonment for life", shall be substituted.

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

- (i) for the entry of section 292C, in column 7, for the words "Imprisonment of either description for 3 months, or fine, or both", the words "Death or imprisonment for life, shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the entry of section 377B, in column 7, for the words "Imprisonment of either description for 10 years, or fine, or both", the words "Death or imprisonment for life, shall be substituted.

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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