

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012 (XVI of 2012) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the National Commission for Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in Section 3, Act XVI of 2012.**- In the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3, in sub-section (3) for the words "A member" the words "the Chairperson and a member" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment in Section 5, Act XVI of 2012.**- In the said Act, in section 5, in sub-section (1), after the words "enters upon his office" the words "or until they attain the age of sixty five years, whichever is earlier" shall be added.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) Act, 2012, minimum and maximum age is not specified for the Chairperson of the Commission, so it needs to be prescribed. Moreover, Chairperson of the Commission is ranked equivalent to the judge of the Supreme Court, and a judge of the Supreme Court (gets) retires at the age of 65. So it would be appropriate, if the retiring age of the Chairperson, NCHR may also be fixed in line with the superannuating age of the judge of the Supreme Court.

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

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