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further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860)

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Insertion of New Section 167A, Act XLV of 1860.-** In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as the said Code, after section 167, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

**“167A. Punishment for dishonest investigation.-** Whoever being a police officer conducts the investigation dishonestly in breach of his duties, shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.”.

3. **Insertion of New Section 344A, Act XLV of 1860.-** In the said Code, after section 344, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

**“344A. Punishment for wrongful confinement by a police officer or official.-** Whoever being a police officer or official wrongfully confines any person shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to fine.”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

A provision is being proposed providing punishment for dishonest investigation by the Police which would help curb the evil of dishonest investigation resulting in redressing the grievances of the aggrieved persons.

Illegal confinement by the Police Officials is being made an offence punishable with imprisonment up to seven years and the offender shall also be liable to fine.

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