

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Subject: - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

1, the Chairman of Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 31st January, 2017.

2. The Committee comprises of the following: -

1)	Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk	Chairman
2)	Justice (Retd.) Iftikhar Ahmad Cheema	Member
3)	Chaudhary Muhammad Ashraf	Member
4)	Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan	Member
5)	Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo	Member
6)	Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj	Member
7)	Sardar Muhammad Amjad Farooq Khan Khosa	Member
8)	Ms. Kiran Haider	Member
9)	Syed Imran Ahmad Shah	Member
10)	Ms. Asiya Naz Tanoli	Member
11)	Mr. Rajab Ali Khan Baloch	Member
12)	Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
13)	Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro	Member
14)	Ms. Shagufta Jumani	Member
15)	Mr. Shahab-ud-Din Khan	Member
16)	Eng. Ali Muhammad Khan Advocate	Member
17)	Dr. Arif Alvi	Member
18)	Mr. S.A Iqbal Quadri	Member
19)	Moulana Muhammad Khan Sherani	Member
20)	Ms. Aisha Syed	Member
21)	Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill placed at Annex-A, in its meetings held on 05-04-2017, 26-07-2017 and 25-10-2017. The Committee recommends that the Bill may not be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-
(JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 14th November, 2017

Sd/-
(CHAUDHRY MAHMOOD BASHIR VIRK)
Chairman Standing Committee on
Law and Justice

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 37 of the Constitution.**- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 37, in paragraph (h), the words and commas "and, in the case of non-Muslims, religious purposes" shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As the use of liquor is prohibited and illegal in all religions, it is therefore proposed that the use and production of liquor may be banned on the basis of religion.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above said objective.

Sd/-

MS. NAEEMA KISHWER KHAN
Member, National Assembly.