

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

A
Bill

further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. Short title and commencement.- This Act may be called the Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Act, 2022

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 9, Act XXV of 1997.- In the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 (XXV of 1997), in section 9,-

- (i) in sub-section (1), in the Table, in column (3), the words "punishment for death or", wherever occurring, shall be omitted; and
- (ii) in sub-section (2), in the Table, in the fourth proviso, for the words "may be death or", the words "shall be" shall be substituted".

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

In section 9(c) of the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 (CNSA) punishment of death is proposed to be substituted with imprisonment for life. The death penalty is used in a disproportionate manner under the CNSA that violates the fundamental right to life which happens to be the most basic of all human rights. The risk of executing innocent people in narcotics cases exists and the arbitrary application of the death penalty can never be ruled out under the said law.

Hence, the draft Bill has been prepared to achieve the above said object.

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