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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

*Islamabad, the 16th February, 2017*

No. F. 22(8)/2015-Legis.—The following Act of *Majlis-e-Shoora* (Parliament) received the assent of the President on the 14th February, 2017 is hereby published for general information:—

ACT NO. IV OF 2017

*An Act further to amend certain laws*

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend certain laws 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, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(19)

Price : Rs. 3.00

2. **Amendment of Act XLV of 1860.**— In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860),—

- (1) in section 182, for the words, commas and full stop “extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to three thousand rupees, or with both.”, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“extend to—

- (a) seven years in case the offence in which false information is given is punishable with death;
- (b) five years in case the offence in which false information is given is punishable with imprisonment for life; or
- (c) one-fourth of the longest term of imprisonment or with fine as is provided for the offence in which false information is given and such offence is not covered under clause (a) or clause (b).”
- (2) for section 298, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

**“298. Uttering words, etc. with deliberate intent to wound religious feelings.**—Whoever, with deliberate intention of wounding or outraging the religious feelings of any person or inciting religious, sectarian or ethnic hatred, utters any words by using loudspeaker or sound amplifier or any other device or makes any sound in the hearing of that person or makes any gesture in the sight of that person or persons, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description of a term which may extend to three years but shall not be less than one year, or with 0.5 million fine, or with both.”; and

- (3) in section 498B, for the full-stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided that in case of a female child as defined in the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 (XIX of 1929), or a non-Muslim woman, the accused shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years but shall not be less than five years and shall also be liable to fine which may extend to one million rupees.”

3. **Amendment of Act V of 1861.**— In the Police Act, 1861 (V of 1861), in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory,—

- (1) in section 23, after the word “nuisances”, the semicolon, words and comma “; to prevent sectarianism and hate speech and proliferation

of hate material by any person, organized group, any organization or prescribed organization" shall be inserted;

- (2) in section 29, for the words and commas "to a penalty not exceeding three months' pay, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour, for a period not exceeding three months, or to both", the words "to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and with 0.1 million fine" shall be substituted; and
- (3) in section 32,—
- (a) for the words "the last three preceding sections" the words, figures and comma "section 30, 30A or section 31" shall be substituted; and
- (b) for the words "a fine not exceeding two hundred rupees" the words "imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and with fine" shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of Schedule-II, Act V of 1898.**—In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), in Schedule-II in the Table, in Column 1,—

- (1) against section 182, for the entry in column 7 and 8, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

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<p>"extend to—</p> <p>(a) seven years in case the offence in which false information is given is punishable with death;</p> <p>(b) five years in case the offence in which false information is given is punishable with imprisonment for life; or</p> <p>(c) one-fourth of the longest term of imprisonment or with fine as it provided for the offence in which false information is given and such offence is not covered under clause (a) or clause (b)."</p>	<p>Court of Sessions</p> <p>Court of Sessions</p> <p>Magistrate of the first class</p>

- (2) against section 298, for the entry in column 7, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years but shall not be less than one year, or with fine, or with both.";

- (3) against section 498B, in column 7, after the figure "500,000/-", the words "and in case of a female child or a non-Muslim woman, imprisonment upto ten years and not less than five years and fine upto one million rupees" shall be inserted: and
- (4) against section 511, under the heading "Offences Against Other Laws", in column 5, the words, figures and commas "Except in cases under the Arms Act, 1878, section 19, which shall be bail able" shall be omitted.

5. **Amendment of P.O No.10 of 1984.**—In the Qanoon-e-Shahdat, 1984 (P.O. No.10 of 1984), in Article 164, for the full-stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that conviction on the basis of modern devices or techniques may be lawful."

6. **Amendment of XXVII of 1997.**—In the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), after section 11W, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:—

**"11WW, Lynching.**—(1) Whenever any individuals, an organized group or a mob by taking the law in own hands inflict punishment on a person accused or suspected of a crime by causing him a hurt or his death, every such individual, a member of such group of a mob is said to commit lynching.

- (2) Whoever commits lynching under sub-section (1) shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both in addition to any other punishment to which he may be liable under any other law for the time being in force."

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,  
*Secretary.*