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further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 292, Act XLV of 1860.- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), in section 292, for the expression, "three months, or with fine, or with both.", the expression "three years and fine which may extend to five thousand rupees.", shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), in Schedule II, for entries relating to section 292, in column 7, for the expression "Imprisonment of either description for 3 months, or fine or both" the expression "Imprisonment of either description for three years and fine which may extend to five thousand rupees.", shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Although the sale and distribution, etc. of obscene materials had been prohibited under law yet the quantum of lesser punishment therefore is not creating an effective deterrent resulting into ever-growing abuse thereof. Problem has socio-economic, political and technical reasons, yet adequate punishment always serves as an effective deterrent. The impact of punishment discourages such offences. The Punishment always serves as an effective deterrent. The impact of punishment discourages i.e., imprisonment or fine or both which is required to be addressed by amending the law. The proposed amendment would achieve objective of having an effective quantum of punishment and prosecution to effectively deter the nuisance of obscenity in the country.

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