

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1908

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as under:-

1. **Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2011.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of section 332, Act XLV of 1860.-** In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as the said Code, in section 332, in sub-section (1);
 - (i) after the word "disables" the commas and words, "disfigures" defaces" shall be inserted; and
 - (ii) the following explanation shall be added, namely:-

"Explanation.-

disfigure means disfigurement of face or disfigurement or dismemberment of any organ or any part of the organ of the human body which impairs or injures or corrodes or deforms the symmetry or appearance of a person".

3. **Insertion of new sections 336A and 336B, Act XLV of 1860.-** In the said Code, after section 336, the following new sections shall be inserted, namely:-

"336A. Hurt caused by corrosive substance.- Whoever with the intention or knowingly causes or attempts to cause hurt by means of a corrosive substance or any substance which is deleterious to human body when it is swallowed, inhaled came in contact or received into human body or otherwise shall be said to cause hurt by corrosive substance:

"Explanation.- In this sub-section, unless the context otherwise requires,-

"corrosive substance" means a substance which may destroy, cause hurt, deface or dismember any organ of the human body and includes every kind of acid, poison, explosive or explosive substance, heating substance, noxious thing, arsenic or any other chemical which has a corroding effect and which is deleterious to human body.

336B. Punishment for hurt by corrosive substance.- Whoever causes hurt by corrosive substance shall be punished with imprisonment for life or imprisonment of either

description which shall not be less than fourteen years and a minimum fine of one million rupees”.

4. **Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1908.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908) in the Schedule II, after section 336, in Column (1) and the corresponding entries relating thereto in columns (2) to (8) the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8”
336B	Hurt caused by Corrosive Substances	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Not Compoundable	Life imprisonment or imprisonment of either description not less than fourteen years and a minimum fine of one million rupees.	Ditto

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The crime of throwing acid on women is becoming more common and recurring day by day. The main cause of it is the absence of proper legislation on this subject. Therefore, criminal minded people are constantly using it as a dangerous and devastating arm against the women. In view of these circumstances, there has been an increasing need to make comprehensive legislation in this regard.

The Bill seeks to achieve the afore-said objectives.

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