

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 (Act XXVII of 1997)

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 to bring the heinous offences against children under anti-terrorism act 1997;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(3) It shall extend to the whole of Pakistan.

2. **Amendment of section 6 of the Anti-Terrorism Act (Act XXVII of 1997).**- In the Anti-Terrorism Act (Act XXVII of 1997), in section 6, in sub-section (2), after clause (a), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely;

“(aa) Involves the adultery or sodomy with the child under the age of sixteen years”.

3. **Amendment of section 7 (Act XXVII of 1997).**- In the said act, in section 7, in sub-section (1), after clause (a), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely;

“(aa) Adultery or sodomy with the child under the age of sixteen years is caused, shall be punishable, on conviction, with death or with imprisonment for life and with fine not less than five hundred thousand rupees; or”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The main object the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 was to provide prevention of terrorism and also for speedy trials of heinous offences which are non compoundable.

It is widely observed that whenever an act of adultery or sodomy is committed against the innocent children less than sixteen years of age, the parents overall the country become fearful of sending their children outside the home.

To prevent such like terrorism, this amendment is proposed which includes the above said offences into the act of terrorism, exclusively tribal by the special Courts constituted under Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997.

This bill seeks the above said objects.

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