

**[AS PASSED BY THE MAJLIS-E-SHOORA (PARLIAMENT)]**

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**BILL**

*further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973), for the purposes thereafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Substitution of section 57, Act XXXV of 1973.**— In the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973), for section 57, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

**"57. Grants to Bar Councils and Bar Associations.** — The Federal Government and the Provincial Governments may make grants-in-aid to the Pakistan Bar Council, Islamabad Bar Council, Provincial Bar Councils and the Bar Associations as they may deem fit, having regard to the total number of advocates on the roll of a Bar Council or a Bar Association and in certain cases keeping in view also the requirements of a particular Bar Council or a Bar Association in accordance with the prescribed procedures."

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Bill seeks to rectify an anomaly created by the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2014 wherein the number of seats for Punjab Bar Council in section 5 (2) of the Act remained un-amended, whereas the Schedule to the Act was amended.

2. Moreover, for the benefit of the lawyer community at large, it is proposed to bring various Bar Councils and Associations of the country in the ambit of Federal grants. The grants shall be made having regard to the total number of Advocates on the roll of a Bar Council or Bar Association and in certain cases keeping also in view the requirements of a particular Bar Council or Bar Association in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid object.

**MR. ZAHID HAMID**  
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