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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 (Act XLV of 1860), and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2017.
2. **Insertion of new section, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the Pakistan Penal Code 1860 (Act No. XLV of 1860) after section 166, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

"166A. **False information and registering false first information report.**- (1) A report of information which is not based on factual and true description of an alleged offence shall be known or to be said as a false information.

(2) A police officer or any public servant responsible for registering first information report regarding commission of alleged offences, registers a report based on false or unfounded information shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than seven years and fine which shall not be less than rupees two hundred thousand.

(3) The person on whose information or with whose collaboration a false first information report under sub-section (2) shall be registered shall also be liable to same punishment

(4) Half of the amount imposed as a fine under sub-section (2) shall be paid to the aggrieved person as compensation.

(5) Punishment under sub-section (2) shall not limit the right of any aggrieved person for damages in a civil court."

3. **Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), in Schedule II, after section 166, in column I and the entries relating thereto in columns 2 to 8, the following new sections and the entries relating thereto shall be inserted, namely:-

"166A	False information and registering false first information report.	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for a term not less than seven years and with fine which shall not less than rupees two hundred thousand.	Court of Session
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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Registration of false first information reports is not only the misuse of official authority but also creating a lot of troubles for such persons against whom such false first information reports are registered with also disturbance of their family lives. Sometime FIRs registered against juveniles or young persons force them to remain the part of crime world for their rest of life who are always souring and bleeding wounds for any responsible and civilized society. There is growing tendency in police officers to register false FIRs even to extort money from victims of such false FIRs or to force them to come to their terms. In any way, there is need to check such misuse of authority with iron-hand which is not possible without providing legislative measures by amending the concerned penal laws.

2. The instant bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objective.

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