

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016**

I, the Chairman of Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, have the honor to present this report on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, (Act XLV of 1860) and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act. V of 1898) [The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

2. The Committee consists of the following: -

1) <b>Rana Shamim Ahmad Khan</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2) Syed Javed Ali Shah	Member
3) Mr. Ghalib Khan	Member
4) Dr. Ibadullah	Member
5) Sheikh Muhammad Akram	Member
6) Syed Iftikhar-ul-Hassan	Member
7) Makhdoomzada Basit Bokhari	Member
8) Mian Shahid Hussain Khan Bhatti	Member
9) Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gillani	Member
10) Ms. Tabmina Daultana	Member
11) Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
12) Mr. Nauman Islam Shaikh	Member
13) Mr. Ehsan-ur-Rehman Mazari	Member
14) Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur	Member
15) Mr. Khial Zaman Orakzai	Member
16) Dr. Arif Alvi	Member
17) Kanwar Naveed Jameel	Member
18) Mr. Salman Khan Baloch	Member
19) Ms. Naeema Kishwer Khan	Member
20) Mr. Sher Akber Khan	Member
21) Ch. Nisar Ali Khan, Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 02-05-2017. The Committee recommends that the Bill placed at Annex-A may not be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-  
**(JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK)**  
Secretary  
*Islamabad, the 08<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.*

Sd/-  
**(RANA SHAMIM AHMAD KHAN)**  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on  
Interior and Narcotics Control

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

Annex-"A"

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**BILL**

*further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, (Act No. XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act No. V of 1898).*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, (Act XLV of 1860) and 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, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 489F, Act XLV of 1860.**- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), in section 489F, for the words and commas "punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both", the words "punishable with the imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years but shall not be less than seven years with a fine which shall not be less than the amount of the dishonestly issued cheque and such amount of fine shall be paid to the complainant without prejudice to his civil remedies" shall be substituted.

3. **Insertion of new entry in Schedule II, Act V of 1898.**- In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) in Schedule II, for entries relating to section 489-F, in columns 1 to 8, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"489F.	Dishonestly issuing a cheque	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Imprisonment of either description for a term which shall extend to ten years but shall not be less than seven years with a fine which shall not be less than the amount of the dishonestly issued cheque and such amount of fine shall be paid to the complainant.	Court of Sessions".
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**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Section 489F was inserted to protect the innocent persons from fraudulent persons who are issuing cheques to defraud their creditors without making arrangements of sufficient funds in their bank accounts. However, the object of the amendment are purported being frustrated as in case of amounts in millions of rupees the fraudulent persons prefer to undergo the small fraction of imprisonment instead of making payments of such huge amounts and in this way their creditors are left on the mercy of rotten civil adjudication wherein recovery from such fraudulent person is practically impossible even after long protracted humiliation before civil courts. Therefore, it is expedient to enhance the punishment of the offence to ensure its compliance and protect business life from fraudulent persons who are cheating innocent person on the name of business.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above-said objectives.

Sd/-

MS. KISHWER ZEHRA,  
MR. SUFUYAN YUSUF,  
MR. SANJAY PERVANI,  
MS. SAMAN SULTANA JAFRI,  
Members, National Assembly.