

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860) and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 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 purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 277, Act XXII of 1860.**—In the Pakistan Penal Code, in section 277, for the expression, “with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand and five hundred rupees, or with both.”, the expression, “ with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which may extend to ten million rupees but shall not be less than ten thousand rupees, or with both” shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.**—In the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898, (V of 1898) in Schedule II,—

(a) For the entries relating to section 277, in column 2 to 8 the following shall be substituted, namely: --

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
277	Defiling the water of a public spring or reservoir	May arrest without warrant	Summons.	Bailable.	Not compoundable	Imprisonment of either description for 3 years, or fine up to 10 million, or both.	Magistrate of the first

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Pakistan is one of the top five countries worldwide in improving access to clean water. But despite this impressive progress, over 17 million people still have no choice but to drink dirty water. Nearly 16,800 children under 5 years of age die each year from diarrhoea caused by dirty water. Unfortunately, punishment under section 277 of the Pakistan Penal Code for Fouling Water of public spring or reservoir, is nominal. Through the above-mentioned amendment, enhancement of the punishment has been proposed in the said act. This increase in punishment, shall act as deterrent to stop fouling of water.

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