# [AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY] 

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further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860
WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860) for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as under:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 2022.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. Amendment in section 509, Act XLV of I860. - In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), in section 509, after the word, "woman"" wherever occurring, the word, "or transgender" shall be inserted.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Constitution of Pakistan recognizes the right to dignity of a person. This amendment seeks to widen scope and to include transgender persons, so that the law may apply indiscriminately to transgender persons. While this rights is applicable to all genders within community, the groups most vulnerable to offences mentioned in this provision are women, as well as transgender persons. However, adding the word "transgender" in the above provision allows for immediate relief to the transgender persons by incriminating the offences mentioned such acts.
2. This Bill seeks to achieve the above mentioned purposes.

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