

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF PAKISTAN]

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BILL

further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code (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, 2012.

(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from the 30th September, 2012.

3. **Definitions:-**

Minimum Security Prisons: Prisons reserved for people who commit crimes that do not physically harm another person.

Family: A group consisting of parents and children living together in a same house.

2. **Amendment of section 64, Act XLV of 1860:-** In the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as the said Code, in section 64, for the words “which imprisonment shall” the words “which imprisonment shall not” shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 65, Act XLV of 1860**:- In the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as the said Code, in section 65, for the words “one-fourth” the words “one-tenth” shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of Section 66, Act XLV of 1860**:- In the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as the said Code, for section 66, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“The imprisonment which the Court imposes in default of payment of a fine is just of ‘minimum security prison’”.

5. **Amendment of Section 67, Act XLV of 1860**:- In the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as the said Code, in section 66,

(a) for the words “fifty rupees” the words “fifteen thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

(b) for the words “one hundred rupees” the words “thirty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

(c) after the words “other case” at the end, the words “ and no imprisonment when the amount of the fine shall not exceed five thousand rupees provide that there is no other earning member in the family of offender but offender will have to train prisoners two hours per day for time span of two months.” shall be added.

Statement of Objective

The purpose of this amendment bill is to give relief to all those poor people who are languishing in jails on account of non-payment of fine due to poverty and weak financial position.

Moreover, it is observed in Pakistan that financially weak people are sentence to jail for non-payment of fine for long period. To overcome this situation above amendments are required in the aforesaid provisions.

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