

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

**A
BILL**

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 follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 2011.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 297, Act XLV of 1860.- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), section 297 shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1) thereof and after sub-section (1), re-numbered as aforesaid, the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:-

“(2) If any person without sanction of lawful authority digs up and in any way desecrates a grave, steals, damages, removes or in any way physically violates a dead body which is in or stolen from a grave shall if found guilty of such an offence be liable to punishment of life imprisonment.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

A matter of grave national importance which is causing tremendous fear among the people of Pakistan. There are ever increasing incidents of stealing, selling, removing and ever physical violation of dead bodies in the country. A strong and stringent law is required to safeguard the sanctity of the dead bodies so that they get the respect and protection they are entitled to. This law should prove a strong deterrent to grave diggers and violators of dead bodies.

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