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further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 37 of the Constitution.- In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 37, in paragraph (h), the words and commas "and, in the case of non-Muslims, religious purposes" shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

1. That due to existing paragraph (h) of Article 37 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan the minorities of Pakistan are facing defamation, agony, insult and discrimination.

2. That all the minorities are agreed that none of any religion is allowing the consumption of alcoholic liquor for the religious purposes.

3. That all the religions existing in Pakistan are facing criminal proceedings and cases due to this paragraph and local police in all over the country registering fake, false, frivolous cases against the minorities, this is the one of the reason for the amendment of the said paragraph of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

4. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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