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~~[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]~~

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further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (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, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Omission of section 124A, Act XLV of 1860.- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), section 124A, shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This section is a part of the inherited colonial structure of governance that continues in Pakistan. This section was for the natives who had to be kept under control lest they incited rebelling against the masters.

This law served a brutal occupying force and today is being applied with increasing regularity to crush political dissent and make the citizen submit to unquestionable obedience.

Today the relationship between the rulers and rules is no longer one of master and subject. Respect for the Government cannot be regulated. It arises from the stat respect for individual freedom and the ability to govern.

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