

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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BILL

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, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 323, Act XLV of 1860. - In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), in section 323,-

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words "thirty thousand six hundred and thirty grams of silver" the words and figure "four thousand two hundred and fifty grams of 22 carat gold" shall be substituted; and

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the word "silver" the figure and words "22 carat gold" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Human lives are the most precious thing in this world. Islam has given very sacred status to human life and has declared that the killing of one person is the killing of entire Humanity. The Prophet (peace be upon him) in his last address has stated that the lives of human beings are inviolable to each other. Unfortunately people in Pakistan are killed either intentionally or unintentionally, such as in road accidents, enmities and on other pretext. Compoundable nature of the offence and the provision of low value of Diyat have made the people negligent and careless. In this amendment the value of Diyat has been fixed in accordance with the injunctions of Islam, which is higher than the existing value of Diyat. Through this amendment, the people will become more careful and will avoid intentional and unintentional killing of human beings.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI

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