

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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Bill

further to amend the Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984 (President's Order No. 10 of 1984), in the manner and for the purposes appearing hereinafter;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.** — (1) This Act shall be called the Qanun-e-Shahadat (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 113, President's Order No. 10 of 1984.**— In the Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984 (President's Order No. 10 of 1984), in Article 113, for the words "rule or pleading", the words "rule of pleading" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In Article 113 of the Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984, the words "rule or pleading", creates ambiguity because "rule" and "pleading" are distinct concepts. The word "rule" refers to a legal principle, while "pleading" refers to the documents submitted in court. It could be misinterpreted to mean either a rule or any pleading, which is not the intended meaning as per the letter and spirit of Article 113. The correct phrase, as per the letter and spirit of the Article 113, is "rule of pleading". "Rule of pleading" refers to a rule that govern how legal pleadings must be drafted and interpreted. From the wording of Article 113, it indicates that if a party is deemed to have admitted a fact according to rules of pleading, that fact does not need formal proof. Therefore, "rule (or) pleading" being a typographical error (formal error), needs to be amended.

2. The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objective.


Minister-in-Charge