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[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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Bill

*further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure,
1898*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898) for the purposes and the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.** — (1) This Act shall be called the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendments of section 336B, Act XLV of 1860.**— In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860), in section 336B, after the word "with", the words "death or" shall be inserted and for the word "one", the word "two" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.**— In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), in the Schedule II, in section 336B, in column (1) and the corresponding entries relating thereto in columns (2) to (8), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
336B	Hurt caused by Corrosive Substances	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Not Compoundable	death or imprisonment for life or imprisonment of either	Ditto."

						description which shall not be less than fourteen years and a minimum fine of two million rupees."	
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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Acid attacks are among the most brutal forms of violence, causing permanent disfigurement, lifelong physical and psychological suffering, and serious violations of the constitutional rights to life, dignity and security of person. Despite the enactment of stringent penalties through the Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2011, such attacks continue to occur.

2. The recent acid attack on a lady doctor in Quetta while she was performing her professional duties in a hospital has shocked the nation and highlighted the need for stronger legal deterrence against such heinous crimes. Where an acid attack causes serious burns, disfigurement or destruction of the face, the consequences are often irreversible and affect the victim for the remainder of his or her life.

3. It is, therefore, proposed to enhance the punishment for such offences by providing for death or imprisonment for life or imprisonment of either description for a term not less than fourteen years, together with a minimum fine of two million rupees.

4. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

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