

**A
Bill**

to amend the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sentencing Act, 2021.

WHEREAS It is expedient to amend the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sentencing Act, 2021 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXV of 2021), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted by the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.---(1) This Act may be called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sentencing (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 17 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXV of 2021.---In the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sentencing Act, 2021 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXV of 2021), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 17, for sub-section (3), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(3) The Chief Minister may appoint members of the Council from serving or retired civil servants, prosecutors, judges, lawyers and criminal justice practitioners:

Provided that for attending the meetings of the Council, the Chairperson and members shall be entitled to such honoraria, as Government may determine.”.

3. Substitution of section 18 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXV of 2021.---In the said Act, for section 18, the following shall be substituted, namely:

“**18. Chairperson of the Council.**---(1) The Chief Minister shall appoint one of the members as the Chairperson of the Council, and no member shall be appointed as Chairperson for more than two consecutive terms.

(2) The Chief Minister shall post a Chief Executive Officer of the Council, who shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the affairs of the Council and shall act, subject to the regulations made by the Council.”.

4. Substitution of section 20 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXV of 2021.---In the said Act, for section 20, the following shall be substituted, namely:

“**20. Employees of the Council.**---The employees of the Council shall be civil servants, who shall be appointed under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants Act, 1973 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XVIII of 1973), and the rules made thereunder.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is desirable to amend the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sentencing Act, 2021 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. XXV of 2021), for the purposes of better implementation and to bring clarity in certain provisions of the Act *ibid*. Moreover, the Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has been proposed as competent authority, for appointment of Chairperson and members of the council. Similarly for easement of appointment, definition of employee has been added to more clear the status of employees thereof. Hence, this Bill.

Peshawar,
dated the
, 2025.


MINISTER-IN-CHARGE.