

**A
BILL**

to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 2017.

WHEREAS It is expedient to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 2017 (Act No. VII of 2017), 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 Hindu Marriage (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2 of Act No. VII of 2017.---In the Hindu Marriage Act, 2017 (Act No. VII of 2017), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, for clause (g), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(g) “marriage registrar” means the marriage registrar appointed under section 7 of this Act;”.

3. Amendment of section 7 of Act No. VII of 2017.---In the said Act, in section 7, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“(1) There shall be one or such numbers of marriage registrars, who shall be appointed in the manner as may be prescribed, in the territory of a district or such other areas, as would be convenient for Hindu population, living in the said district or such other areas.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is desirable to amend the Hindu Marriage Act, 2017 (Act No. VII of 2017), to enable the local governments to grant licenses to the marriage registrars, at gross root level, for registration of Hindu marriages. Hence, this Bill.

Peshawar,
dated the
, 2026.

MINISTER-IN-CHARGE.

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