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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

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Islamabad, the 1st September, 2025

No. F. 22(27)/2025-Legis.—The following Act of *Majlis-e-Shoora* (Parliament) received the assent of the President on the 29th August, 2025 is hereby published for general information:—

ACT NO. XXVII OF 2025

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further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898)

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

(707)

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It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act shall be called the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 354A, Act XLV of 1860.**— In the Pakistan Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as the said Code, in section 354-A, the words “with death or” shall be omitted.

3. **Amendment of section 402C, Act XLV of 1860.**—In the said Code, in section 402-C, the words “death or” shall be omitted.

4. **Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.**—In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act V of 1898), in Schedule-II, in column 1,—

- (a) against section 354A, for the corresponding entry in column 7, the words “Death or” shall be omitted;
- (b) after section 402 and corresponding entries relating thereto in columns 2 to 8, the following new section and corresponding entries relating thereto in columns 2 to 8 shall be inserted, namely:—

354-A	Assault or criminal force to women and stripping her of her clothes	May arrest without warrant	Warrant	Not bailable	Not compoundable	Imprisonment for life and forfeiture of property and fine	Court of Session
402-C	Punishment for harbouring hijacker, etc.	May arrest without warrant	Warrant	Not bailable	Not compoundable	Imprisonment for life and fine	Court of Session

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary General.