

**AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department**

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"Muzaffarabad"  
Dated: 19.09.2017

No. LD/Legis-Act/735-50/2017. The following Act of Assembly received the assent of the President on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, is hereby published for general information.

**[Act XLIII of 2017]**

**An**

**Act**

to amend the Offence of Qazaf (Enforcement of Hudood) Act, 1985

**Whereas**, it is expedient to amend the Offence of Qazaf (Enforcement of Hudood) Act, 1985 (Act XIV of 1985), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted by follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Offence of Qazaf (Enforcement of Hudood) (Amendment) Act, 2017.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 17, Act XIV of 1985.**- In the Offence of Qazaf (Enforcement of Hudood) Act, 1985 (Act XIV of 1985), in Section 17, in sub-section (2), for the words " High Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir", the words "Shariat Appellate Bench of the High Court" shall be substituted.
3. **Pending Cases.**- All the cases pending before the Azad Jammu and Kashmir High Court under the Offence of Qazaf (Enforcement of Hudood) (Amendment) Ordinance 2017, (Ordinance XII of 2017), shall stand transferred to the Shariat Appellate Bench of the High Court.
4. **Repeal.**- The Offence of Qazaf (Enforcement of Hudood) (Amendment) Ordinance 2017, (Ordinance XII of 2017) is hereby repealed.

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