

**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/751-66/2017. 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 XLIV of 2017]**

**An**

**Act**

further to amend the Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Act, 1985

**Whereas**, it is expedient further to amend the Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Act, 1985 (Act IV of 1985), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted by as follows:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) (Amendment) Act, 2017.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 27, Act IV of 1985.**- In the Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Act, 1985 (Act IV of 1985), in Section 27, 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 appeals pending before the Azad Jammu and Kashmir High Court under the Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) (Amendment) Ordinance 2017, (Ordinance XIII of 2017), shall stand transferred to the "Shariat Appellate Bench of the High Court".
3. **Repeal.**- The Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) (Amendment) Ordinance 2017, (Ordinance XIII of 2017) is hereby repealed.

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**Secretary Law**