**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 25 of 2025**

**THE PROVINCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025**

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Bill

*to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965.*

It is necessary to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (XIX of 1965) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2025.

 (2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect from the 1st October 2018.

**2. Amendment of section 2 of Ordinance XIX of 1965**.– In the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (XIX of 1965), for brevity referred to as ‘the Ordinance’, in section 2:

(a) after clause (7), the following shall be inserted:

“(7-A) “e-traffic management system” means an electronic system installed and maintained for management of traffic and recording of traffic violations, automatically by use of artificial intelligence through cameras installed by the Punjab Safe Cities Authority;”; and

(b) after clause (34), the following shall be inserted:

“(34-A) “Punjab Safe Cities Authority” means the Punjab Safe Cities Authority established under the Punjab Safe Cities Authority Act 2016 (I of 2016);”.

**3. Amendment of section 116-A of Ordinance XIX of 1965**.– In the Ordinance, in section 116-A:

(a) in sub-section (3):

(i) after the word “town”, the expression “or duly authorised outlet or agent” shall be inserted; and

(ii) after the words “in the charge”, appearing at the end, the expression “or through an electronic transaction”, shall be inserted; and

(b) after sub-section (7), the following shall be inserted:

“(8) The Punjab Safe Cities Authority shall record traffic violations through e-traffic management system and generate e-traffic violation tickets through such e-traffic management system.

(9) The e-traffic violation ticket generated under sub-section (8) shall be sent, electronically or by post, to the owner of the vehicle, within reasonable time, at the given address registered with registration authority.

(10) If a person to whom e-traffic violation ticket is issued, does not contest the charge in the Court, within fifteen days from the receipt of such e-ticket, he shall deposit the fine as provided in sub-section (3).

(11) If the charge is not contested or the amount of fine is not paid within the period specified in sub-section (10), the fine shall be linked with the registration authority and Police Khidmat Markaz and after such linkage, ten percent of the amount of payable fine shall be recovered in addition to the payable fine at the time of payment and in case of non-payment of such fine, the vehicle shall be impounded and it shall be released after payment of outstanding amount of fine.

(12) If the owner fails to pay the fine, due under sub-section (11), within fifteen working days from the impounding date of vehicle, the fine amount shall be increased ten percent of the outstanding amount of fine fortnightly.

(13) In case amount of fine increases up to the total value of the impounded vehicle, the auction of such vehicle shall be made through the Court by the authority impounding the vehicle in order to recover the outstanding amount of fine.

(14) In case, the owner of the vehicle establishes that he was not driving the vehicle at the time of violation, he shall prove it before the traffic officer not below BS 17 and produce a convincing evidence and if the owner proves so, the person driving the vehicle shall be treated likewise.”.

**4. Repeal.**–The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Ordinance 2025 (I of 2025) is hereby repealed.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Administrative Department has proposed to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 to provide provisions for e-traffic management system and payment of fines through electronic transactions. The e-traffic management system aims to manage the traffic including recording of traffic violations, issuance of e-traffic violation tickets with the help of artificial intelligence through the cameras installed by the Punjab Safe Cities Authority and collection of fine. A charge will be drawn and time is provided within which it may be contested. If fine is not paid within the time, the said fine amount will be increased ten percent of the outstanding amount. The proposed mechanism will help to manage the traffic on roads. Hence, this Bill.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**March 07, 2025 Secretary General**