**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 47 of 2025**

**THE PROVINCIAL EMPLOYEES’ SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025**

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Bill

*further to amend the Provincial Employees’ Social Security Ordinance, 1965.*

It is necessary further to amend the Provincial Employees’ Social Security Ordinance, 1965 (X of 1965) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of Punjab as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Provincial Employees’ Social Security (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once

**2. Amendment in long title and preamble of Ordinance X of 1965**.–In the Provincial Employees’ Social Security Ordinance, 1965 (X of 1965), for brevity referred to as ‘the Ordinance’, in the long title and preamble, after the word “and” wherever appearing, the words “for provision of financial benefits and” shall be inserted.

**3. Insertion of section 43-A in Ordinance X of 1965**.– In the Ordinance, after section 43, the following shall be inserted:

“**43-A. Financial benefits**.-Subject to the approval of the Government and availability of the funds, a secured person may be granted financial benefits, in such manner and to such extent as may be prescribed, for purchase of essential commodities from such outlets as notified by the Government.”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Administrative Department has proposed to amend the Provincial Employees’ Social Security Ordinance, 1965 by keeping in view the exorbitant prices of essential commodities and the role of Punjab Employees Social Security Institution in providing multiple benefits to the secured person, it is expedient that the Institution take some effective measures to mitigate their financial agony. It is necessary to introduce amendments in the Provincial Employees Social Security Ordinance, 1965. Hence this Bill.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**April 16, 2025 Secretary General**