**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 57 of 2025**

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

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Bill

*further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (XIX of 1955).*

To allow the issuance of driving licenses to differently-abled persons with hearing impairments, ensuring their rights and inclusion in mobility.

WHEREAS it is a fundamental right of every citizen to have equal access to mobility and employment;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance 1965 (XIX of 1965) to bring persons with hearing impairments into the mobility mainstream with appropriate safety provisions.

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.

**2. Amendment of section 2 of Ordinance XIX of 1965.-** In the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance 1965, in section 2, in sub-section (15), after the words "defect or disability”, the words "including differently-abled persons with hearing impairments”, shall be inserted.

**3. Amendment of section 7 of Ordinance XIX of 1965.-** In the said Ordinance section 7, in sub-section (5), in the proviso, after clause (b), the following new clauses shall be added:

(c) An applicant with a hearing impairment of up to 40 dB shall use hearing aids while driving if the hearing loss exceeds 40 dB, the applicant shall use appropriate assistive devices or technologies as may be approved by the licensing authority in accordance with prescribed medical standards.

(d) The driving test for a hearing-impaired applicant shall be conducted either by an examiner proficient in sign language or in the presence of an interpreter designated for the purpose.

(e) No fee shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of a driving license to a hearing impaired person:

Provided that-

(i) All vehicles driven by such persons shall display prescribed identification stickers, and

(ii) The applicant shall not be eligible for a license to operate emergency vehicles (e.g. ambulances, police vehicles, fire trucks) or vehicles requiring auditory alerts unless additional safety provisions are in place.

**4. Amendment of Second Schedule of Ordinance XIX of 1965.-** In the Ordinance, in the Second Schedule, serial No. 5 shall be omitted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The purpose of this Bill is to provide legal recognition and necessary facilitation for persons with hearing impairments in the issuance of driving licenses in alignment with International practices and human rights principles, this amendment empowers differently abled individuals by removing unnecessary legal barriers, while maintaining road safety through suitable technology and procedural safeguards.

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