**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 60 of 2025**

**THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB PRIVILEGES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025**

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Bill

*further to amend the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab Privileges Act, 1972.*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab Privileges Act, 1972 (II of 1972) to extend the entitlement of official passports to the spouses and dependents of Members and former Members of the Assembly,

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

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be cited as the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab Privileges (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in Section 15-C of Act II of 1972.-** In the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab Privileges Act, 1972 (II of 1972), in Section 15-C, in sub-section (1):

(a) after the words “A member and ex-Member of the Assembly”, the words "his spouse and dependents children under the age of eighteen years" shall be inserted; and

(b) for the proviso, the following shall be substituted:

“Provided that every person who has held the office of the Speaker under Article 108, shall be entitled to diplomatic passport and who has held the office of the Deputy Speaker under Article 108 or the office of a Minister under Article 132 of the Constitution, shall be entitled to official passport.”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the entitlement of official passports to the spouse and dependent children under the age of eighteen years of the Members and former Members of the Assembly. Secondly a diplomatic passport may also be issued to the Speaker, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab. Amendments aim to provide clarity, consistency, and legal cover for this entitlement, subject to the relevant rules and policy of the Federal Government.

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