**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 76 of 2025**

**THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025**

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Bill

*further to amend the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance, 2002.*

It is necessary to amend the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance, 2002 (CXXI of 2002) 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 Boilers and Pressure Vessels (Amendment) Act 2025.

 (2) It shall come into force at once.

**2**. **Amendment of section 2 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.-In the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance, 2002 (CXXI of 2002), for brevity referred to as ‘the Ordinance’, in section 2, in sub-section (1):

(a) clause (b) shall be omitted;

(b) for clause (e), the following shall be substituted:

“(e) “Chief Inspector, Additional Chief Inspector and Deputy Chief Inspector” mean the Chief Inspector, Additional Chief Inspector and Deputy Chief Inspector appointed under section 5 of the Ordinance;”; and

 (c) after clause (f), the following shall be inserted:

“(ff) “Director General” means Director General of Directorate General of Industries, Price, Weight and Measures Punjab;”.

**3**. **Amendment of section 5 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.-In the Ordinance, in section 5:

(a) in the heading, after the expression “Appointment of Chief Inspector,”, the expression “Additional Chief Inspector,” shall be inserted;

(b) in sub-section (1), for the word “Government”, the words “Chief Minister” shall be substituted;

(c) in sub-section (2):

(i) for the word “Government”, the words “Secretary of the Department” shall be substituted; and

(ii) after the words “fit to be”, the words “Additional Chief Inspector and” shall be inserted;

(d) in sub-section (3), for the word “Government”, the words “Director General” shall be substituted; and

(e) in sub-section (4), after the expression “Every Chief Inspector,”, the expression “Additional Chief Inspector,” shall be inserted.

**4**. **Amendment of section 6 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.- In the Ordinance, in section 6:

(a) in clause (d), after the expression “stamped;”, the word “and” shall be omitted;

(b) in clause (e), in the proviso, for the full stop “.” at the end, the expression “; and” shall be substituted; and

(c) after the proviso to clause (e), as amended above, the following shall be added:

“(f) where any material used as a fuel for combustion in contravention of the standards prescribed by the Board.”.

**5**. **Amendment of section 7 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.- In the Ordinance, in section 7, for sub-section (4), the following shall be substituted:

 “(4) The Chief Inspector, on receipt of the examination report from the Inspection Authority or Inspector, as the case may be, shall:

1. register the boiler or pressure vessel and assign a registration number within three working days; or
2. refuse to register the boiler and pressure vessel and declare the boiler or pressure vessel not fit for approval.”.

**6**. **Amendment of section 11 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.- In the Ordinance,in section 11, in clause (d), after the word “procedures”, the expression “, standards and provisions of the Ordinance” shall be inserted.

**7**. **Amendment of section 12 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.- In the Ordinance,in section 12, for the words “insurance company”, the words “Inspection Authority” shall be substituted.

**8**. **Substitution of section 16 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.- In the Ordinance,for section 16, the following shall be substituted:

“**16**. **Report of accidents**.- (1) If any accident occurs to a boiler or pressure vessel, the owner or boiler engineer incharge shall immediately report such accident, in writing, to the Chief Inspector or the concerned Inspector, and such report shall contain a description of nature of the accident, the injury or casualty, if any and the damage to the boiler or pressure vessel.

(2) The Inspector, on its own information or on receipt of report under sub-section (1) or on the direction of the Chief Inspector, as the case may be, shall visit the site of the accident immediately.

(3) The Inspector shall submit a preliminary report to the Chief Inspector within twenty-four hours of receipt of information of the accident or direction issued under sub-section (2).

(4) The Chief Inspector shall, if deemed necessary, submit the report, as early as possible, with his recommendations to the Director General for constitution of an accident committee to determine the root cause of accident and fix the responsibility for such accident.

(5) The accident committee constituted by the Director General shall submit its comprehensive report with recommendations to the Board and the Board may direct any appropriate action under the Ordinance including direction to the Chief Inspector to get registered First Information Report through concerned Inspector against responsible persons and suspension of competency certificate of boiler engineer.

(6) The owner shall facilitate the accident committee to have access to the place of accident for the purpose of collection of evidence and every person having information of such accident shall answer truly to the best of his knowledge and ability to every question put to him, in writing, by the accident committee.”.

**9**. **Amendment of section 25 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.- In the Ordinance,in section 25, in sub-section (1A), after clause (i), the following shall be inserted:

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| “(ia) a technical expert on Environment Protection and Climate Change, not below the rank of BPS-18, nominated by the Secretary to the Government, Environment Protection and Climate Change Department; | Member”. |

**10**. **Omission of section 26 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.- In the Ordinance,section 26 shall be omitted.

**11**. **Amendment of section 27 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.- In the Ordinance, in section 27, the expression “or Ad hoc Technical Committee under section 25 or section 26” shall be omitted.

**12**. **Amendment of section 29 of Ordinance CXXI of 2002**.- In the Ordinance, in section 29, in sub-section (2), for clause (g), the following shall be substituted:

“(g) for regulating the procedure of inquiries into accidents;”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The amendments in the Punjab Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance, 2002 (CXXI of 2002) have been proposed with an aim to provide check on the use of substandard material as fuel for boilers in line with the Air Quality Action Plan of the Government, so as to minimize harmful emissions and counter the menace of smog. Further, it intends to make the response to accidents more comprehensive and streamline the role of the Administrative Department in the law, as well as reflect the post of Additional Chief Inspector which was missing in the law previously.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**June 12, 2025 Secretary General**