

## **C O N F I D E N T I A L**

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### **PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS REGARDING THE PUNJAB ARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 (BILL NO. 3 OF 2015)**

The Punjab Arms (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 3 of 2015) was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Affairs on 11 February, 2015. The Committee considered the bill in its meeting held on 20 February 2015.

2. The following were present:-

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| 1. | Makdum Syed Muhammad Masood Alam, MPA (PP-285)  | Chairman |
| 2. | Major (Retd) Moeen Nawaz Warraich, MPA (PP-109) | Member   |
| 3. | Rana Muhammad Afzal, MPA (PP-128)               | Member   |
| 4. | Mrs Kanwal Nauman, MPA (W-321)                  | Member   |
| 5. | Mr Awais Qasim Khan, MPA (PP-132)               | Member   |

3. Dr Shoaib Akbar, Special Secretary, Home Department and Mr Mohsin Abbas Syed, Director, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department represented their Departments. Hafiz Muhammad Shafiq Adil, Special Secretary, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. The Special Secretary, Home Department apprised the Committee about the aims and objects of the bill. He said that the Government had decided to enhance the penalties of the offences mentioned in subsection (2) of clause 13 of the Principal Act. He explained the offences mentioned in subsection (1) and the penalties mentioned in subsection (2). He requested the Committee that the bill, as introduced, may be recommended to be passed by the Assembly.

5. The Committee after hearing the Members, having the view point of the Administrative Department, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department and discussing various points, unanimously decided to recommend that the bill may be passed by the Assembly subject to the following amendment:-

#### **AMENDMENT IN THE BILL**

##### **CLAUSE 2**

in the proposed subsection (2) in para (b) of section 13 of the Principal Act, the word "seven" occurring in line 4, be substituted by the word "ten".

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6. A copy of the bill as introduced in the Assembly is at Annexure-A and a copy of the bill as recommended by the Committee is at Annexure-B.

Lahore  
20 February, 2015

(MAKDUM SYED MUHAMMAD MASOOD ALAM)

Chairman  
Standing Committee on Home Affairs

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Lahore  
20 February, 2015

  
(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)  
Secretary

(BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY)

## PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

BILL NO. 3 OF 2015

### THE PUNJAB ARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015

#### A BILL

further to amend the Punjab Arms Ordinance 1965.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Punjab Arms Ordinance, 1965 (XX of 1965) for purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is enacted as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Arms (Amendment) Act 2015.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in section 13 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the Punjab Arms Ordinance, 1965 (XX of 1965), for section 13, the following shall be substituted:

**"13. Offences and penalties.**— (1) A person shall be liable to punishment under subsection (2) if he commits any of the following offences:

- (a) sells, or keeps, offers or exposes for sale, any arms, ammunition or military stores, or undertakes the repairs of any arms in contravention of section 4;
- (b) fails to give notice of the sale of arms and ammunition and of the purchaser's name and address as required by section 4;
- (c) transports any arms, ammunition or military stores in contravention of a regulation or prohibition issued under section 5;
- (d) goes armed in contravention of section 8;
- (e) has in his possession or under his control any arms, ammunition or military stores in contravention of section 9;
- (f) fails to deposit arms, ammunition or military stores as required under section 10;
- (g) intentionally makes any false entry in a record or account which by a rule made under clause (d) of section 11 he is required to keep;
- (h) intentionally fails to exhibit anything which by a rule made under clause (f) of section 11 he is required to exhibit; or
- (i) keeps, carries or displays any arms in contravention of an order issued under section 11-B.

(2) If a person commits any of the offences mentioned in subsection (1) and if the offence is with respect to:

- (a) a non-prohibited bore weapon, ammunition of non-prohibited bore weapons or military stores, he shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than two years and which may extend to seven years and with fine;
- (b) a prohibited bore weapon or ammunition of prohibited bore weapons, he shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than four years and which may extend to seven years and with fine; and
- (c) carrying or possessing two or more prohibited bore weapons or five or more non-prohibited bore weapons or one prohibited bore weapon and two non-prohibited bore weapons, he shall be punished with imprisonment for a term

which shall not be less than five years and which may extend to fourteen years and with fine.

(3) For the purpose of this section, the Government shall, by notification or in the rules, categorize arms as non-prohibited bore weapons and prohibited bore weapons."

3. Repeal.— The Punjab Arms (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 (III of 2015) is hereby repealed.

**MINISTER INCHARGE**

Lahore:  
11 February 2015

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**RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**  
Secretary

**(BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS)**

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