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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS REGARDING THE PUNJAB ARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014 (BILL NO. 30 OF 2014)

The Punjab Arms (Amendment) Bill 2014 (Bill No. 30 of 2014) was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Affairs on 24 October, 2014. The Committee considered the bill in its meeting held on 10 November 2014.

2. The following were present:—

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| 1. | Makdum Syed Muhammad Masood Alam, MPA (PP-285) | Chairman |
| 2. | Col (Retd) Shuja Khazada
Minister for Home | <i>ex-officio</i> Member |
| 3. | Mehr Ijaz Ahmad Achalana, MPA (PP-265)/
Parliamentary Secretary for Home | <i>ex-officio</i> Member |
| 4. | Ch Razaqat Hussain Gujjar, Advocate, MPA (PP-102) | Member |
| 5. | Major (Retd) Moeen Nawaz Warraich, MPA (PP-109) | Member |
| 6. | Mr Ihsan ul Haq Bajwa, MPA (PP-281) | Member |
| 7. | Mrs Kanwal Nauman, MPA (W-321) | Member |
| 8. | Mr Awais Qasim Khan, MPA (PP-132) | Member |
| 9. | Ch Aamar Sultan Cheema, MPA (PP-32) | Member |

3. Dr Shoaib Akbar, Special Secretary, Home Department and Dr Riaz Mahmood, 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 stated that the subject on which that law had been enacted had devolved on the Provinces by virtue of the Eighteenth Amendment. He explained that the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 was required to be adapted by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab in terms of clause (6) of the Article 270AA of the Constitution. Nothing contained in that Ordinance would apply to the sale, transport, bearing or possession of arms, ammunition of military stores by order of the Government or the Federal Government, or by public servant or a member of any of the non-regular force of the Government or the Federal Government, in the course of his duty as public servant or member. Under the Ordinance the amount of fines were also proposed to be rationalized. He requested the Committee that the bill be passed by the Committee as introduced in the Assembly.

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5. The Committee after hearing the Members, having the view point of the Administrative Department and discussing various points, unanimously decided to recommend that the bill as introduced, may be passed by the Assembly.

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

Lahore
10 November, 2014

(MAKDUM SYED MUHAMMAD MASOOD ALAM)
Chairman
Standing Committee on Home Affairs

Lahore
10 November, 2014

Mumtaz Hussain
(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)
Secretary

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

Bill No. 30 of 2014

THE PUNJAB ARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014

A
Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Arms Ordinance 1965.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan 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 2014.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment in section 1 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 (XX of 1965), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 1:
 - (a) in sub-section (1), for the word "Pakistan", the word "Punjab" shall be substituted; and
 - (b) for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted:
“(2) It extends to whole of the Punjab.”
3. **Amendment in section 2 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, for section 2, the following shall be substituted:
“2. **Exception.**— Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall apply to the sale, transport, bearing or possession of arms, ammunition or military stores by order of the Government or the Federal Government, or by public servant or a member of any of the non-regular force of the Government or the Federal Government, in the course of his duty as such public servant or member.”
4. **Amendment in section 3 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in sub-section (1), for clause (d), the following shall be substituted:
“(d) “Government” means Government of the Punjab;”.
5. **Amendment in section 6 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 6, for the words “between the Province and an Acceding State”, the words “of the Province” shall be substituted.
6. **Amendment in section 11-A of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 11-A:
 - (a) for the words “Federal Government”, wherever occur, the word “Government” shall be substituted; and

- (b) subsection (4) shall be omitted.
7. **Amendment in section 11-B of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 11-B, for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:
“(1) The Government may, by general or special order, prohibit the keeping, carrying or display of arms at such places or times or on such occasions, as may be specified in the order.”
8. **Amendment in section 12 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 12, in subsection (1), in clause (a), for the words “District Magistrate”, the words “District Coordination Officer” shall be substituted.
9. **Amendment in section 14-A of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 14-A, subsection (2) shall be omitted.
10. **Amendment in section 15 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 15, for the words “five hundred”, the words “five thousand” shall be substituted.
11. **Amendment in section 17 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 17, for the words “two hundred”, the words “two thousand” shall be substituted.
12. **Amendment in section 18 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 18, for the word and figures “Rs. 500”, the words “five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
13. **Amendment in section 19 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 19, for the words “two hundred”, the words “two thousand” shall be substituted.
14. **Amendment in section 27 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, in section 27, for the words “Federal Government”, the words “The Government” shall be substituted.
15. **Omission of section 29 of Ordinance XX of 1965.**— In the said Ordinance, section 29 shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The subject on which this law has been enacted has devolved on the Provinces by virtue of the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act 2010. The Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 is required to be adapted by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab in terms of clause (6) of Article 270AA of the Constitution. Amount of fines under the Ordinance are also proposed to be rationalized. Hence this Bill.

MINISTER INCHARGE

Lahore:
24 October 2014

RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR
Secretary