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**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB
REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS
REGARDING THE PUNJAB PROHIBITION OF EXPRESSING
MATTERS ON WALLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015 (BILL NO. 4
OF 2015)**

The Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Bill No. 4 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 in view of fight against terrorism, the Government had decided to enhance the amount of fine which shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees or more than one hundred thousand rupees. The offence under that Act shall also be cognizable and non-bailable and a Magistrate of the first class shall conduct the trial of an offence under that Act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) relating to the summary trials. 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 and discussing various points, unanimously decided to recommend that the bill as introduced, may be passed by the Assembly.

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

Lahore
20 February, 2015

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

Lahore
20 February, 2015


(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)
Secretary

ANNEXURE

(BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY AND RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS) PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

BILL NO. 4 OF 2015

THE PUNJAB PROHIBITION OF EXPRESSING MATTERS ON WALLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2015

A BILL

further to amend the Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls Act, 1995.
Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls Act, 1995 (II of 1995) for purposes hereinafter appearing;
It is enacted as follows:

- 1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls (Amendment) Act 2015.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment in section 2 of Act II of 1995.**— In the Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls Act, 1995 (II of 1995), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, for the expression “fine which may extend to Rs. 5,000/-”, the words “fine which shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees or more than one hundred thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
- 3. Insertion of section 2A in Act II of 1995.**— In the said Act, after section 2, the following section 2A shall be inserted:
“**2A. Cognizance and summary trial.**— (1) An offence under this Act shall be cognizable and non-bailable.
(2) A Magistrate of the first class shall conduct the trial of an offence under this Act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) relating to the summary trials.”
- 4. Repeal.**— The Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 (IV of 2015) is hereby repealed.

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Lahore:
11 February 2015

RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR
Secretary

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