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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING REGARDING THE PARKS AND HORTICULTURE AUTHORITY BILL 2014 (BILL NO.31 OF 2014)

The Parks and Horticulture Authority Bill 2014 (Bill No.31 of 2014) was referred to the Standing Committee on Housing Urban Development and Public Health Engineering on 8 December 2014. The Committee considered the bill in its meeting held on 20 January 2015.

2. The following were present:—

1.	Rana Abdul Rauf, MPA (PP-279)	Chairman
2.	Malik Muhammad Hanif Awan, MPA (PP-114)	Member
3.	Mrs Kiran Imran, MPA (W-299)	Member
4.	Ch Aamar Sultan Cheema, MPA (PP-32)	Member

3. Mr Shahid Latif, Additional Secretary (Technical), Government of the Punjab, Housing Urban Development and Public Health Engineering Department and Mr Mohsin Bukhari, Deputy 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 Director General, Parks and Horticulture Authority apprised the Committee about the aims and objects of the bill. He said that the bill, *inter alia*, ensure that the cumulative wisdom of the Board of Directors of the Parks and Horticulture Authority was utilized in policy formulation. The proposed inclusion of the Divisional Commissioner in the Board of Directors would help the Authority benefit from the input and ownership of a Government official who was directly concerned with the overall development of the area that may also facilitate the field staff through better coordination of the district and provincial departments and agencies. He said that the proposal to empower the Board of Directors of the Authority to make its regulation, without prior approval of the Government, would bring it at par with other cooperate bodies in the Province. The Government would retain the power to make rules. The power of the Board to make regulations would be subservient to the power of the Government to make rules. He requested the Committee that the bill, as introduced, may be recommended to be passed by the Assembly.

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6. The Committee after hearing the Members, having the view point of the Administrative Department & Law and Parliamentary Affairs 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 1


The expression "2014" be substituted by the expression "2015".

7. 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 January, 2015

(RANA ABDUL RAUF)
Chairman
Standing Committee on Housing, Urban
Development and Public Health Engineering

Lahore
20 January, 2015


(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)
Secretary

(BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HOUSING URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH
ENGINEERING)

THE PARKS AND HORTICULTURE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT)
BILL 2014

Bill No. 31 of 2014

A
Bill

to amend the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012.

Preamble.— Whereas it is expedient to amend the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012 (XLVII of 2012) for purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is enacted as follows:

- 1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Parks and Horticulture Authority (Amendment) Act 2015.
(2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment in section 2 of Act XLVII of 2012.**— In the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012 (XLVII of 2012), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, in clause (p), after the word “rules”, the words “or regulations” shall be inserted.
- 3. Amendment in section 6 of Act XLVII of 2012.**— In the said Act, in section 6, in subsection (1), after clause (g), the following clause (gg) shall be inserted:
“(gg) Commissioner of the Division concerned; Member”.
- 4. Amendment in section 25 of Act XLVII of 2012.**— In the said Act, in section 25, in subsection (2), the word “private” shall be omitted.
- 5. Amendment in section 31 of Act XLVII of 2012.**— In the said Act, for section 31, the following shall be substituted:
“**31. Regulations.**— Subject to the Act and the rules, the Board may, by notification in the official Gazette, make regulations for carrying out the purposes of the Act.”