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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME REGARDING "THE NOTARIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025 (BILL NO. 23 OF 2025)"

The subject Bill was referred to the Committee on 17.02.2025 and the same was considered by the Committee in its meeting held on 27.02.2025.

2. The following were present:-

1. Mr Safdar Hussain Sahi, MPA (PP-77)	Chairperson
2. Mr Khalid Mehmood Ranjha	<i>ex-officio Member</i>
Parliamentary Secretary for Law & Parliamentary Affairs	
3. Ms Safia Saeed, MPA (W-323)	Member
4. Mr Arif Iqbal, MPA (PP-44)	Member
5. Mr Jaffar Ali Hocha, MPA (PP-102)	Member
6. Mr Shuaib Ameer, MPA (PP-281)	Member
7. Mr Farrukh Javaid, MPA (PP-161)	Member

3. Mr Imran Hussain Ranjha, Additional Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Home Department and Mr Shan ul Haq, Special Secretary, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, represented their respective departments. Mr Khalid Mahmood, Acting Secretary General, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, functioned as Secretary to Committee.

4. Apprising the Committee about the aims and objects of the Bill, Mr Imran Hussain Ranjha, Additional Secretary, Home Department stated that following 18th Amendment in the Constitution, the Government was required to adopt the Federal law titled "Notaries Ordinance, 1961(XIX of 1961)" with necessary amendments including increase in the amount of fine in case of practicing as a notary without a certificate of practice issued under this Ordinance. By Adoption and the consequential amendments, the implementation of the provisions of the Notaries Ordinance, 1961 (XIX of 1961) would be streamlined and expedited. He requested the Committee that the Bill, as introduced may be recommended for passage by the Assembly.

5. The Committee, after hearing the members, having viewpoints of the Administrative Department as well as Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, decided by majority to recommend that the bill, as introduced, may be passed by the Assembly

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8. A copy of the Bill, as introduced in the Assembly and as recommended by the Committee is Annexed.

Lahore:
February 27, 2025

(MR SAFDAR HUSSAIN SAHI)
Chairperson
Standing Committee on Home

Lahore:
February 27, 2025

(KHALID MAHMOOD)
Acting Secretary General

(Bill as introduced in the Assembly and as recommended by the Standing Committee on Home)

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Bill

further to amend the Notaries Ordinance, 1961.

It is necessary further to amend the Notaries Ordinance, 1961 (XIX of 1961) 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 Notaries (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of long title and preamble of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Notaries Ordinance, 1961 (XIX of 1961), for brevity referred to as "the Ordinance", in long title and preamble, for the word "Pakistan", the words "the Punjab" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 1 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 1:

- (a) in sub-section (2), for the word "Pakistan", the words "the Punjab" shall be substituted; and
- (b) for sub-section (3), the following shall be substituted:
“(3) It shall come into force at once.”.

4. Amendment of section 2 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 2:

- (a) before clause (a), the following shall be added:
“(aa) "Government" means Government of the Punjab;”;
- (b) in clause (e), for full stop at the end, the expression "; and" shall be substituted, and after clause (e), the following shall be added:
“(ea) "Secretary" means Secretary to Government, Home Department.”.

5. Amendment of section 3 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 3, for the words “Provincial Government”, the words “Secretary or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf” shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 4 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 4, in sub-section (1):

- (a) for the words “Provincial Government”, the words “Secretary or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf” shall be substituted; and
- (b) for the words “that Government”, the word “him” shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 5 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 5:

- (a) in sub-section (1), in clause (a), the words “by that Government” shall be omitted;
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words, “Provincial Government”, the words “Secretary or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf” shall be substituted;
- (c) in sub-section (3):

- (i) for the words "Provincial Government", the words "Secretary or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf" shall be substituted; and
- (ii) after the words "a period of three years", the words "subject to satisfactory performance evaluation in the manner as may be prescribed" shall be added; and
- (d) sub-section (4) shall be omitted.

8. Amendment of section 6 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 6:

- (a) for the words, "Provincial Government", the words "Secretary or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf" shall be substituted; and
- (b) for the words "that Government", the word "him" shall be substituted.

9. Amendment of section 9 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 9, the expression "(1)" shall be omitted.

10. Amendment of section 10 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 10:

- (a) for the words "Provincial Government", the words "Secretary or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in clause (d), for the word "Government", the words "Secretary or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf" shall be substituted.

11. Amendment of section 12 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 12, in clause (b), after the word "fine", the words "which may extend up to five hundred thousand rupees but not less than one hundred thousand rupees" shall be inserted.

12. Amendment of section 13 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, in section 13, in sub-section (1), for the words "Provincial Government", the word "Secretary" shall be substituted.

13. Omission of section 14 of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, section 14 shall be omitted.

14. Omission of section 16-A of Ordinance XIX of 1961.- In the Ordinance, section 16-A shall be omitted.
