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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT REGARDING "THE PROVINCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025 (BILL NO. 24 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 03.03.2025.

2. The following attended:

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| 1. Mr Qaiser Iqbal, MPA (PP-66) | Chairperson |
| 2. Mr Bilal Akbar Khan | ex-officio Member |
| Minister for Transport & Masstransit | |
| 3. Khuwaja Muhammad Mansha Ullah Butt, MPA (PP-47) | Member |
| 4. Syed Madad Ali Shah, MPA (PP-33) | Member |
| 5. Mian Kamran Muhammad Abdullah, MPA (PP-221) | Member |
| 6. Rana Aourang Zaib, MPA (PP-276) | Member |

3. Mr Imran Sikandar Baloch, Secretary to Government of the Punjab, Transport Department and Mr Muhammad Nadir, Additional Director, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, represented their departments. Mr Khalid Mahmood, Acting Secretary General, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. On invitation by the Chair, the Administrative Secretary submitted that many companies had been providing ride hailing services to the commuters through app-based technology in Pakistan. Motor vehicles which had been operating through these apps were private vehicles i.e., motor cars and motor cycles. As per the demanding and challenging environment, the existing motor vehicle laws needed to be amended in order to bring these technology-based ride hailing companies and private vehicles (motor cars and motor cycles) into the legal ambit and regulatory framework. Therefore, it was essential to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965. Concluding his remarks, 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 and Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department as well as considering the Bill clause by clause, unanimously recommended 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 Standing Committee on Transport is **annexed**.

Lahore:
March 03, 2025

(QAISER IQBAL)
Chairperson
Standing Committee on Transport

Lahore:
March 03, 2025

(KHALID MAHMOOD)
Acting Secretary General

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

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Bill

further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965.

It is necessary further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (XIX of 1965) 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 Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2 of Ordinance XIX of 1965.- In the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (XIX of 1965), for brevity referred to as 'the Ordinance', in section 2:

(a) after clause (5), the following shall be inserted:

"(5-A) "CVH" denotes a Commercial Vehicle for Hire which is a public service vehicle used by a CVH driver for carriage of passengers for hire or reward through DPPT but does not include heavy transport vehicle;

(5-B) "CVH driver" means a person who drives a CVH while operating for hire or reward through DPPT;";

(b) after clause (6), the following shall be inserted:

"(6-A) "DPPT" denotes a Digital Platform for Passenger Transportation which is an online enabled application offered or used by a TNC to book a CVH or PVH for hire or reward from a pre-determined pick-up point to pre-determined drop off point;";

(c) after clause (31), the following shall be inserted:

"(31-A) "PVH" denotes a Private Vehicle for Hire which is a motor car or a motor cycle used by a PVH driver for carriage of passengers for hire or reward through DPPT;

(31-B) "PVH driver" means a person who drives a PVH while operating for hire or reward through DPPT;"; and

(d) after clause (42), the following shall be inserted:

"(42-A) "TNC" denotes a Transportation Network Company having a licence granted by the Provincial Transport Authority for operating DPPT;".

3. Amendment of section 39 of Ordinance XIX of 1965.- In the Ordinance, in section 39, in sub-section (1), after the words "transport vehicle", the expression ", CVH and PVH" shall be inserted.

4. Insertion of sections 44-B and 44-C in Ordinance XIX of 1965.- In the Ordinance, after section 44-A, the following shall be inserted:

"44-B. CVH and PVH not to be driven without permit.- (1) No CVH or PVH shall be operated by the TNC through DPPT without a permit granted by the Regional Transport Authority.

(2) An application, along with prescribed fee, for grant of permit under sub-section (1), shall be submitted to the Regional Transport Authority

by the owner or lessee of the CVH or PVH on such form as may be issued by the Regional Transport Authority covering the following particulars:

- (a) name and address of the owner or lessee of the CVH or PVH;
- (b) name and address of the CVH driver or PVH driver who will drive the CVH or PVH;
- (c) a copy of the driving licence of CVH driver or PVH driver;
- (d) region for which the permit is required;
- (e) a copy of the certificate of registration of CVH or PVH;
- (f) a copy of certificate of fitness of CVH or PVH duly issued by the prescribed authority; and
- (g) proof of registration of CVH or PVH and CVH driver or PVH driver with TNC.

(3) An application under sub-section (2) shall be decided by the concerned Regional Transport Authority within fourteen days from the date of submission of such application.

(4) A permit issued under this section shall be valid for a period of one year.

(5) An application for a CVH permit or PVH permit shall be TNC specific.

44-C. Prohibitions on CVH and PVH permit holders.- (1) A CVH driver or PVH driver shall not accept another booking or allow another person to use the same CVH or PVH without permission of the passenger using the CVH or PVH through DPPT.

(2) In case permission under sub-section (1) is granted, the record of such permission shall be maintained by the TNC through DPPT.”.

5. Insertion of CHAPTER V-B in Ordinance XIX of 1965.- In the Ordinance, after CHAPTER V-A, the following CHAPTER V-B shall be inserted:

“CHAPTER V-B

LICENCING AND PENALTIES

72-H. TNC operating licence.- (1) No TNC shall operate without a licence granted by the Provincial Transport Authority.

(2) An application, along with fee as provided in the Sixteenth Schedule, for grant of licence under sub-section (1) shall be submitted to the Provincial Transport Authority containing the following information:

- (a) certificate of incorporation of the TNC under the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017);
- (b) Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of TNC;
- (c) undertaking by the TNC for compliance of protocols for ensuring security and safety of passengers as specified by the Provincial Transport Authority;
- (d) complaints redressal mechanism of TNC; and
- (e) any other information or details about the TNC as may be required by the Provincial Transport Authority.

(3) The licence granted under sub-section (1) shall be valid for such a period as provided in the Sixteenth Schedule and the renewal thereof may be subject to the payment of such fee as provided in the Sixteenth Schedule and fulfilment of other requirements as may be prescribed.

72-I. Responsibilities of TNC.- (1) Every TNC shall maintain updated information of CVH, PVH, CVH drivers, PVH drivers, CVH owners and PVH owners, passengers and journeys.

(2) Every TNC shall register a CVH or PVH and its CVH driver or PVH driver before giving access to such CVH or PVH and its CVH driver or PVH driver to DPPT.

(3) No TNC shall register a CVH driver or PVH driver unless the TNC has satisfied itself about his good conduct and antecedents.

(4) A TNC shall maintain record of every booking and ride for a period of one year and it shall provide such record to the Regional Transport Authority as and when so required for the reasons to be recorded in writing.

(5) A TNC shall have a mechanism for registration and resolution of complaints of the passengers within a definite time line.

(6) A TNC shall have a liability compensation policy to cover claims in case of death or injury:

(a) for CVH drivers or PVH drivers; and

(b) for passengers, as provided in section 67 of this Ordinance.

(7) A TNC shall not disclose passenger's personal information including journey information to any person other than the Regional Transport Authority.

(8) The DPPT shall:

(a) have an option for online payment of fare;

(b) provide a fare invoice to the passenger at the end of the journey electronically; and

(c) provide an intimation to the person booking the ride that a journey has been completed.

72-J. Penalties.- (1) Where a CVH driver or PVH driver commits a violation of the terms of the CVH permit or PVH permit, he may be imposed a fine up to rupees two thousand, and the Regional Transport Authority may cancel a CVH permit or PVH permit where it finds that a CVH or PVH has committed violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) Where a TNC commits a violation of the requirements provided in section 72-I, the Provincial Transport Authority may suspend its licence for such a period as it may deem fit or may cancel such licence after due notice and hearing.

72-K. Appeal and review.- (1) An appeal against the order of the Regional Transport Authority passed under this chapter may be preferred to the Provincial Transport Authority within seven days of the passing of the order and decision thereon of the Provincial Transport Authority shall be final.

(2) A TNC if aggrieved of the order passed under sub-section (2) of section 72-J, may, within seven days of passing of the order, file a review before the Provincial Transport Authority.

72-L. Power to make rules.- The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Chapter.

72-M. Power to amend Sixteenth Schedule.- The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, amend the Sixteenth Schedule.”.

6. Amendment of section 106 of Ordinance XIX of 1965.- In the Ordinance, in section 106, after the expression “section 44”, the expression “or section 44-B” shall be inserted.

7. Amendment of section 115 of Ordinance XIX of 1965.- In the Ordinance, in section 115, after the expression “section 44”, the expression “or without permit required under section 44-B” shall be inserted.

8. **Addition of Sixteenth Schedule in Ordinance XIX of 1965.**- In the Ordinance, after Fifteenth Schedule, the following shall be added:

"SIXTEENTH SCHEDULE

(see section 72-H)

FEE FOR GRANT AND RENEWAL OF TNC OPERATING LICENCE

Grant Fee	Validity	Renewal Fee	Validity
Two Millions	Three years	One Million	One year".
