

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

NOTIFICATION

17 February 2016

No.PAP/Legis-2(122)/2016/1378. The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, is hereby published for general information under rule 93(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997:-

THE PUNJAB MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016

Bill No. 16 of 2016

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further to amend the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1960.

It is necessary to amend the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1960 (*XXXI of 1960*) to prevent increasing incidents of violence at health facilities and other sensitive public places by prohibiting armed persons from entering such places.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order (Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of section 5A in Ordinance XXXI of 1960.— In the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1960 (*XXXI of 1960*), after section 5, the following section 5A shall be inserted:

“5A. Prohibition of entry of armed persons.— (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person, armed with a firearm weapon, shall not enter a hospital or health facility or a sensitive public place.

(2) Where a security guard has been deployed or hired for the security of a hospital or health facility or a sensitive public place, such security guard may enter the hospital or health facility or sensitive public place with prior permission of, and in the manner specified by, the authority appointing him as a security guard.

(3) If a person contravenes subsection (1), he shall be liable to punishment of imprisonment which shall not be less than seven days but may extend up to one year and fine which shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees but shall not exceed two hundred thousand rupees.

(4) In this section ‘sensitive public place’ means a public place notified by the Government in the official Gazette as a sensitive public place.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill, if enacted, will provide that a person, armed with a firearm weapon, shall not enter a hospital or health facility or a sensitive public place: the expression 'sensitive public place' means any public place notified by the Government as such.

Where a security guard has been deployed or hired for the security of a hospital or health facility or a sensitive public place, such security guard may enter the hospital or health facility or sensitive public place with prior permission of, and in the manner specified by, the authority appointing him as a security guard.

The contravention of the prohibition shall be liable to punishment of imprisonment which shall not be less than seven days but may extend up to one year and fine which shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees but shall not exceed two hundred thousand rupees. The offence shall be cognizable and non-bailable in terms of section 22 and shall be tried summarily under section 21 of the 1960 Ordinance. Hence this Bill.

MINISTER INCHARGE

Lahore:
17 February 2016

RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR
Secretary