

## **C O N F I D E N T I A L**

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### **PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME REGARDING THE PUNJAB EHTRAM-E-RAMZAN (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017 (BILL NO. 25 OF 2017)**

The Punjab Ehtram-e-Ramzan (Amendment) Bill 2017 (Bill No. 25 of 2017) was referred to the Standing Committee on Home on 13 September 2017. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 17 October 2017.

2. The following were present:—

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| 1. | Makdum Syed Muhammad Masood Alam, MPA (PP-285)  | Chairman |
| 2. | Chaudhry Lal Hussain, MPA (PP-26)               | Member   |
| 3. | Major (Retd) Moeen Nawaz Warraich, MPA (PP-109) | Member   |
| 4. | Mrs Kanwal Nauman, MPA (W-321)                  | Member   |

3. Mr Muhammad Tahir, Additional Secretary (Judicial), Home Department, and Mr Mohsin Bukhari, Deputy Director, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department represented their Departments. Mr Faiz-ul-Basit, Additional Secretary (Committees), Provincial Assembly of the Punjab functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. Mr Muhammad Tahir, Additional Secretary (Judicial), Home Department apprised the Committee about the aims and objects of the Bill. He stated that it was necessary to amend the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 (XXIII of 1981), in its application to Province of the Punjab, for purposes of updating and rationalizing the existing provisions and for ancillary matters. He further stated that the proposed Bill aimed at adapting the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 in the provincial context and also reasonably to increase the amount of fine fixed in 1981. He requested the Committee that the Bill as introduced in the House may be recommended to be passed by the Assembly.

5. The Committee after hearing the Members, having the view point of the Administrative, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Departments and discussing various points, unanimously decided to recommend that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly subject to the following amendments:—

#### **AMENDMENTS IN THE BILL**

##### **(1) CLAUSE 1**

in the marginal heading the expression “. extent” be omitted.

(2) **CLAUSE 2**

before the expression "in section 1" occurring in line 2, the expression "for brevity cited as the Ordinance," be added.

(3) **CLAUSE 5**

Clause 5 be substituted as under:-

"5. Amendment in section 6 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981.- In the Ordinance, in section 6, in subsection (2), for the words "five thousand rupees", the words "fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted."

(4) **CLAUSE 6**

the word "Act" occurring in line 4, be substituted by the word "Ordinance".

6. 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.

(MAKDUM SYED MUHAMMAD MASOOD ALAM)

Lahore  
17 October 2017

Chairman  
Standing Committee on Home

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Lahore  
17 October 2017

  
(RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR)  
Secretary

**ANNEXURE - A**  
**(BILL AS INTRODUCED IN THE ASSEMBLY)**  
**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

Bill No. 25 of 2017

**THE PUNJAB EHTRAM-E-RAMAZAN (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017**

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BILL

*to amend the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981.*

It is necessary to amend the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 (*XXIII of 1981*), in its application to Province of the Punjab, for purposes of updating and rationalizing the existing provisions and for ancillary matters.

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 Ehtram-e-Ramazan (Amendment) Act 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 1 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981.**— In the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 (*XXIII of 1981*), in section 1, in subsection (2), for the word "Pakistan", the words "the Punjab" shall be substituted.

**3. Amendment in section 3 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981.**— In the Ordinance, in section 3, in subsection (2) for the words "five hundred rupees", the words "five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**4. Amendment in section 4 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981.**— In the Ordinance, in section 4, in subsection (2), for the words "five hundred rupees", the words "fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**5. Amendment in section 6 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981.**— In the Ordinance, in section 6:

- (a) in subsection (1), for the words "during the month of Ramazan from the time of sunset to the expiration of three hours hereafter", the words "in the month of Ramazan during the hours of fasting" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in subsection (2), for the words "five thousand rupees", the words "fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**6. Amendment in section 7 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981.**— In the Ordinance, in section 7, for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:

"(1) A Magistrate or an Assistant Commissioner, who has reason to believe that any offence punishable under this Act has been committed by any person, may enter the public place and arrest such person."

**7. Amendment in section 9 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981.**— In the Ordinance, in section 9, in subsection (1) for the words "Federal Government", the words "Provincial Government" shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The proposed Bill aims at adapting the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance 1981 in the provincial context and also reasonably to increase the amount of fine fixed in 1981; hence this Bill.

**MINISTER INCHARGE**

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**Lahore:**  
**13 September 2017**

**RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**  
**Secretary**

## ANNEXURE- B

### (BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME)

#### A BILL

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

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Ehtram-e-Ramazan (Amendment) Act 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment in section 1 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981.**— In the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 (*XXIII of 1981*), for brevity cited as the Ordinance, in section 1, in subsection (2), for the word "Pakistan", the words "the Punjab" shall be substituted.

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