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*further to amend the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000 (XL of 2000) for the purposes hereinafter appearing, and for matters ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the National Highways Safety (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 65, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000 (XL of 2000), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 65, in sub-section (1), for the words "six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees", the words "two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**3. Amendment of section 67, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 67, for the words "one month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees", the words "five months or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**4. Amendment of section 68, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 68, in sub-section (1), for the words "one month or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees", the words "five months or with fine which shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees and may extend to fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**5. Amendment of section 69, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 69, in sub-section (1), for the words "one month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees", the words "five months or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**6. Amendment of section 70, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 70, for the words "one month or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees", the words "five months or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**7. Amendment of section 72, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 72, for the words "one month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees", the words "five months or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**8. Amendment of section 73, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 73, for the words "one month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees", the words "five months or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**9. Amendment of section 74, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 74, for the words "six month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees", the words "two years or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**10. Amendment of section 75, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 75, for the words "one month or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees", the words "five months or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**11. Amendment of section 76, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 76,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "six months or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees", the words "two years or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (3), for the words "five hundred rupees", the words "two thousand five hundred rupees" shall be substituted; and
- (c) in sub-section (4), for the words "one month or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees", the words "five months or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**12. Amendment of section 77, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 77, for the words "six months or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees", the words "two years or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**13. Amendment of section 78, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 78, for the words "not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees", the words "not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**14. Amendment of section 80, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 80, for the words "with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and if having been previously convicted of such an offence, for every such subsequent offence to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees", the words "with fine which may extend to two thousand five hundred rupees, and if having been previously convicted of such an offence, for every such subsequent offence to a fine which may extend to five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.

**15. Amendment of tenth schedule, Ordinance XL of 2000.-** In the said Ordinance, in the tenth schedule,-

- (a) In the first column, against Sl. No. 2, in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> columns for the figures "500-1000" the figures "2500-5000" and for the words "six months" the words "two years" shall be substituted, respectively.
- (b) In the first column, against Sl. No. 3, in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> columns for the figures "500-1000" the figures "2500-5000" and for the words "six months" the words "two years" shall be substituted, respectively.
- (c) In the first column, against Sl. No. 11, in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> columns for the figures "1000-3000" the figures "5000-10000" and for the words "six months" the words "two years" shall be substituted, respectively.
- (d) In the first column, against Sl. No. 12, in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> columns for the figures "500-1000" the figures "2500-5000" and for the words "one month" the words "five months" shall be substituted, respectively.
- (e) In the first column, against Sl. No. 13, in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> columns for the figures "1000-2000" the figures "5000-10000" and for the words "one month" the words "five months" shall be substituted, respectively.
- (f) In the first column, against Sl. No. 15, in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> columns for the figures "750-1500" the figures "3750-7500" and for the words "one month" the words "five months" shall be substituted, respectively.

- (g) In the first column, against Sl. No. 18, in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> columns for the figures "5000-10000" the figures "25000-50000" and for the words "one month" the words "five months" shall be substituted, respectively.
- (h) In the first column, against Sl. No. 19, in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> columns for the figures "500-1000" the figures "2500-5000" and for the words "one month" the words "five months" shall be substituted, respectively.

**16. Amendment of twelfth schedule, Ordinance XL of 2000.**— In the said Ordinance, in the twelfth schedule, -

- (a) In the first column, against Sl. No. 1, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> column for the figure "750" the figure "3750" shall be substituted.
- (b) In the first column, against Sl. No. 31, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> column for the figure "750" the figure "3750" shall be substituted.

#### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Vienna Convention on Road Traffic 1968 provides rules on all aspects of international road traffic and safety, and serves as a reference for national legislation. There are seventy eight signatories of convention, including Pakistan. It describes all road user behaviour, such as what drivers and pedestrians must do at crossings and intersections. It encourages safe road user behaviour. The rapidly growing numbers of vehicles and road users and increased trade, globalization and urbanization, coupled with staggering global road traffic injury rates underline the critical need to actively promote road safety everywhere. Never before have sustainable transport, mobility and development been so intertwined and interdependent. Sustainability must go hand-in-hand with safety, which is dependent on implementing internationally agreed norms and harmonizing the world's response; building a culture of safety on all levels and across all borders, with increased political will and governance at the core.

Increase in traffic violations cause slow traffic, blockage of roads, and accidents. Social and economic harms are associated with traffic offences. The cost of accidents is enormous and its burden on the health system and families is huge. The national exchequer is also suffering lot in dealing with repercussions of the accidents. There are minor penalties of few hundred rupees which are unable to create deterrence and people wilfully violate the traffic rules. Enhancement in penalties would create deterrence in motorists tightening the noose around the motorists who dare to flout traffic rules. This will not only reduce the traffic offences but also mitigate the harms associated. Moreover it would also enhance revenue.