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further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (W.P. Ordinance XIX of 1965), in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- This Act may be called the Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new section 112AA, Ordinance XIX of 1965.- In the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (W.P. Ordinance XIX of 1965), after section 112A, the following new section 112AA, shall be inserted, namely:-

"112AA. Offences and Penalties related to Emergency Vehicles.-

(1) A driver of a vehicle (other than a train), to the extent practicable, is to give clear and uninterrupted passage to any ambulance or fire brigade vehicle with warning devices sounding or warning lights activated.

(2) A person who fails to comply with sub-section (1) shall be punishable with fine which may extend to three thousand rupees.

(3) Any person who uses warning devices sounding or warning lights of ambulance or fire brigade vehicle without reasonable cause or without authorization shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or imprisonment which may extend to six months or with both.

(4) Any person who fails to give reasonable help unless the person has a reasonable excuse shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees.

(5) Any person who gives false or misleading information and knows that he is providing false information shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees.

(6) Any person who gives false or misleading call to emergency services shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or imprisonment which may extend to three months or with both."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Every Second is critical for life of a person when it comes to medical emergency. The term "Golden Hour" is used for the first hour of initial valuation and primary commencement. This is time when Emergency Vehicles play a essential role as the responsibility of the initial treatment and also transporting the patient to the hospital lies with them.

With increasing traffic load on the roads, everybody in society must be sensitive and be made aware about giving way to the ambulance. As soon as the sound of ambulance or fire brigade siren is heard, the motorist should start moving to a side and give way to it.

Although now a days many ambulances are equipped with modern resuscitative equipment along with trained staff and serve as "Hospital on Wheels" still the best - equipped ambulance needs to reach a specialized emergency center at the earliest to have the best chance, to save a life.

Furthermore people must be alerted to the fact that every second counts in a medical emergency, which is why it is vital for people to give way when an ambulance approaches. It may mean the difference between life and death.

Thus need is felt to comprehensively deliberate and legislate upon environment related issues. The situation clamors to introduce the said bill.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the above purpose.

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