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A
 Bill

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 extent of Islamabad Capital Territory;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new section 101-A, Ordinance XIX of 1965.— In the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (W.P. Ordinance XIX of 1965), after section 101, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

"101-A. Use of mobile telephones.— (1) A person shall not drive a motor cycle or motor vehicle if he is using a hand-held mobile telephone or a device which performs an interactive communication function of transmitting and receiving data.

(2) A person shall not be guilty of contravention of sub-section (1) if, at the time of the alleged contravention, he is-

(a) using the mobile telephone or the device to call the police, fire, ambulance or other emergency service; or

(b) acting in response to an emergency.

(3) A person while driving a motor cycle or motor vehicle who contravenes the provision of sub-section (1), shall be punished;

(a) in case of a motor cycle, with a fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and which may extend to one thousand rupees;

(b) in case of a motor vehicle, with a fine which shall not be less than seven hundred rupees and which may extend to one thousand five hundred rupees; and

(c) in case of a transport vehicle, with a fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and which may extend to two-thousand rupees."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

According to the data of Islamabad Traffic Police, 15,233 drivers had been fined in first nine months of 2021 against using mobile phones while driving. The data shows that there is an increasing trend especially amongst the youth to use their phones to text, voice calls and for video making while driving motor vehicles which sometimes leads to a harmful situation. Therefore, it is proposed to add a new section to ban such practice and impose fines on the violators.

2. This bill seeks to achieve the above said purposes.

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