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SENATOR A. RHMAN MALIK
Chairman
Standing Committee on Interior

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- I, Chairman of Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the Honour to present report on "The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2020 introduced by Senator Faisal Javed in the House on 08th June, 2020.
- 2. The Bill, upon introduction in the Senate, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report back to the House.
- 3. The composition of the Standing Committee on Interior as under: -

| 1. | Senator A. Rehman Malik | Chairman |
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| 2. | Senator Kalsoom Parveen | Member |
| 3. | Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi | Member |
| 4. | Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati | Member |
| 5. | Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo | Member |
| 6. | Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh | Member |
| 7. | .Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad | Member |
| 8. | Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood | Member |
| 9. | Senator Farooq Hamid Naek | Member |
| 10. | Senator Kauda Babar | Member |
| 11. | Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Member |
| 12. | Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem | Member |
| <u>13.</u> | Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi | Member |
| 14. | Minister for Interior | Ex-Officio Member |

4. The Committee considered and discussed the Bill in its meeting held on 17th July, 2020. The following Members of the Committee: -

| 1. | Senator A. Rehman Malik | Chairman |
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| 2. | Senator Kalsoom Parveen | Member |
| 3. | Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi | Member |
| 4. | Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Member |
| 5. | Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh | Member |
| 6. | Senator Faisal Javed | Mover |

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- 5. Senator Faisal Javed briefed the committee on the objectives of "The Provincial Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2020. He stated that every second is critical for life of a person when it comes to medical emergency. The term "golden Hour" I used for the first hour of initial valuation and primary commencement. This is time when Emergency Vehicles play on 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 motorists 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 canter at the earliest to have the best chance, to save a life. Furthermore people must be alerted to the fact the every second counts in a medical emergency, which is why it is vital for people to give way then as ambulance approaches. It may mean the difference between life and death. He further stated that the Bill is for inserting a new section 112AA in the Ordinance XIX of 1965 regarding offences and penalties related to emergency vehicles. Sub-Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Section 112AA of the Bill is for giving clear and uninterrupted passage to ambulances and fire brigades, imposing fines on failure to comply and punishing people who use warning devices without authorization.
- 6. The Committee deliberated upon various aspects of the Bill. Senator Faisal Javed agreed to withdraw Sub-Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Section 112AA of "The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2020".
- 7. The Committee recommended as under:
 - i) Sub-clause 4 of Section 112AA of the "The Provincial Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill. 2020, shall be deleted.
 - ii) Sub-clause 5 of Section 112AA of the "The Provincial Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill. 2020, shall be deleted.
 - iii) Sub-clause 6 of Section 112AA of the "The Provincial Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill. 2020, shall be deleted.

(SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK)
Chairman Committee

8. In view of the above, the Committee recommends that "The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2020" introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate as amended. (The Bill as reported by the Committee is at Annexure - A and the Bill as introduced in the Senate is at Annexure - B).

(TANVIR AHMED)

D.G./Secretary Committee

ISLAMABAD, THE 17th July, 2020.

[AS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE]

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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 hrerby amended as following: -

- 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 give thousand rupees or imprisonment which may extend to six months or with both.

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 - (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 publishable 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 of with each "

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