

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new section 101-A, Ordinance No. 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-

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

(a) acting in response to an emergency."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

According to the data of Islamabad Traffic Police, 13,747 drivers had been fined in the year 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 hereby 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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