

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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BILL

further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (Ordinance No. XIX of 1965), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement. — (1) This Act may be called the Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2026.

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

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Ordinance No. XIX of 1965. — In the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 (Ordinance No. XIX of 1965), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 2, after clause (34), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(34A) “Ride-hailing platform” means a digital service or app that connects passengers with drivers through an online system to provide transportation;”

3. Insertion of Chapter V-B, Ordinance No. XIX of 1965. — In the said Ordinance, after Chapter V-A, the following new chapter shall be inserted, namely:-

**“CHAPTER V-B
RIDE-HAILING SERVICES**

“72A. Registration of ride-hailing service.— (1) No person, company, or body corporate shall drive a motor vehicle within Islamabad Capital Territory unless it is registered and obtained a certificate of operation by the Registering Authority.

(2) The application for registration under sub-section (1) shall be submitted in the form and manner prescribed by the rules.

(3) The Registering Authority may, after making such inquiry as it deems fit, grant or refuse registration, subject to such terms and conditions as prescribed by rules.

72B. (1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle through a ride-hailing service unless he possesses, —

- (a) a valid driving license issued under Chapter II of this Ordinance; and
- (b) an endorsement or authorization specifically permitting operation under a ride-hailing platform.

(2) The licensing authority may prescribe, through rules, such conditions for the issuance of the endorsement, including requirements relating to medical fitness, background verification, and training."

72C. Registration and Fitness of Ride-Hailing Vehicles. — (1) Any motor vehicle proposed to be used for providing services through a ride-hailing platform shall be registered with the Registering Authority under Chapter III of this Ordinance, either as a commercial vehicle or under such special category as may be notified by the Government.

(2) Every such vehicle shall undergo annual inspection and shall be issued a certificate of fitness by the Registering Authority or such other authority as may be prescribed by rules.

72D. Duties of ride-hailing service providers.— (1) Every ride-hailing service provider shall:

- (a) maintain an updated database of all drivers and vehicles operating through its platform;
- (b) provide access to real-time data, trip records, and driver credentials to the Provincial Transport Authority upon demand;
- (c) ensure passenger safety, driver insurance coverage, and disclosure of fare estimates prior to trip confirmation;
- (d) comply with such operational and technical standards as may be prescribed.

(2) The Federal Government may prescribe penalties for non-compliance with the provisions of this section through rules issued under this Ordinance."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Ride-sharing services are currently not regulated under any law in Pakistan. Although various private ride services are operational in the country, they remain unregistered. Accordingly, this amendment to the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 is proposed to introduce a legal framework for the regulation, registration, and oversight.

2. This Bill is aimed at achieving the above-stated objectives.

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