**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 17 of 2024**

**THE REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024**

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Bill

*further to amend the Registration Act, 1908.*

It is necessary further to amend the Registration Act, 1908 (XVI of 1908) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement**.- (1) This Act may be cited as the Registration (Amendment) Act 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 38 of the Act XVI of 1908**.- In the Registration Act, 1908 (XVI of 1908), in section 38, in sub-section (1):

1. in clause (c), after the expression “registration-office,”, the word “or” shall be inserted; and
2. after clause (c), as amended above, the following shall be inserted:

“(d) a person who is overseas,”.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Registration Act, 1908, as applicable in Pakistan, empowers registering officers to issue commissions for examining persons within Pakistan (section 38), but it does not explicitly authorize commissions for examining persons living abroad. This amendment shall allow to provide registration services to overseas Pakistanis.

**MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: CH AMER HABIB**

**October 31, 2024 Secretary General**