**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**25 April 2017**

**No.PAP/Legis-3(43)/2017/1584.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, is hereby published for general information under rule 93(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997:-

**THE PUNJAB TOBACCO VEND (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017**

**Bill No. 09 of 2017**

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further to amend the Punjab Tobacco Vend Act, 1958.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Punjab Tobacco Vend Act, 1958 for the purpose hereinafter appearing.

It is hereby enacted as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Tobacco Vend (Amendment) Act 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Section 5 of the Punjab Tobacco Vend Act, 1958.-** In the Punjab Tobacco Vend Act 1958 (W.P. Act XXXVIII of 1958), hereinafter called the Act, in sub-section (1) of Section 5, for the words "one hundred", the words "one hundred thousand" shall be substituted.

**3. Amendment of Section 7 of the Punjab Tobacco Vend Act, 1958.-** In Section 7 of the Act, for the words "one hundred", the words "one hundred thousand" shall be substituted.

**4. Amendment of Section 9 of the Punjab Tobacco Vend Act, 1958.-** In the Section 9 of the Act, for the words "five hundred", the words "twenty five thousand" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS AND REASONS

The Punjab Tobacco Vend Act, 1958 was enacted to regulate the retail sale of tobacco in Punjab. The Act prohibits the retail sale of manufactured tobacco without a dealer’s license. The purpose of retail sale is to promote public health, as the unauthorized sale of tobacco could pose serious threats to the health of citizens. However, it is important to note that the Punishments for violation of the provisions of this law are negligible in the contemporary era. It is thus imperative to raise the penalties provided under the existing law, in order to make it more effective.

This amendment Bill seeks to achieve the above-mentioned objects.

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**25 April 2017 Secretary**