**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 19 of 2017**

**THE PARKS AND HORTICULTURE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017**

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*further to amend the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012.*

It is necessary further to amend the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012 (XLVII of 2012) for purposes of harmonizing some of its provisions with the present day necessities and for incidental purposes.

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

**1. Short title and comme****ncement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Parks and Horticulture Authority (Amendment) Act 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amend****ment in Section 2 of Act XLVII of 2012**.– In the Parks and Horticulture Authority Act 2012 (XLVII of 2012), for brevity cited as the said Act, in section 2:

1. clause (b) shall be omitted; and
2. after clause (o), the following clause (oa) shall be inserted:

 “(oa) “person” includes a body owned or controlled by the Federal Government or the Government or any other Provincial Government, or a company, association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not;”.

**3. Amendment in sec****tion 10 Act XLVII of 2012**.– In the Act, in section 10, for subsection (6), the following shall be substituted:

 “(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (3) and subsection (4), the Authority may, for such initial or extended period and on payment of such fee as the Authority may prescribe, grant permission for the deployment of an allocated area of a public park for provision of food, playing facilities, sale of plants, horticultural equipment, books or for any other purpose if that activity does not adversely affect the ambience, character and outlook of the public park.”.

**4. Amendment in Sect****ion 12 of Act XLVII of 2012**.– In the Act, in section 12:

(a) in subsection (4), for the words “twelve months”, the words “such period as the Authority may determine or as may be prescribed” shall be substituted;

(b) in subsection (8), for the word “Government”, the word “Authority” shall be substituted; and

(c) after subsection (8), as amended, the following new subsection (9) shall be inserted:

 “(9) The Authority may lease, in the prescribed manner, any of its sites or poles, for outdoor advertisement, for such initial or extended period and on such terms and conditions as the Authority may determine or as may be prescribed.”.

**5. Repeal.–** The Parks and Horticulture Authority (Amendment) Ordinance 2017 (IX of 2017) is hereby repealed.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**13 September 2017 Secretary**