**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 25 of 2017**

**THE PUNJAB EHTRAM-E-RAMAZAN (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017**

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BILL

*to amend the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981.*

It is necessary to amend the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 *(XXIII of 1981)*, in its application to Province of the Punjab, for purposes of updating and rationalizing the existing provisions and for ancillary matters.

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

**1. Short title, extent and commencement**.– (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Ehtram-e-Ramazan (Amendment) Act 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2.** **Amendment in section 1 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981**.– In the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance, 1981 *(XXIII of 1981)*, in section 1, in subsection (2), for the word “Pakistan”, the words “the Punjab” shall be substituted.

**3.** **Amendment in section 3 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981**.– In the Ordinance, in section 3, in subsection (2) for the words “five hundred rupees”, the words “five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

**4.** **Amendment in section 4 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981**.– In the Ordinance, in section 4, in subsection (2), for the words “five hundred rupees”, the words “fifty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

**5.** **Amendment in section 6 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981**.– In the Ordinance, in section 6:

(a) in subsection (1), for the words “during the month of Ramazan from the time of sunset to the expiration of three hours hereafter”, the words “in the month of Ramazan during the hours of fasting” shall be substituted; and

(b) in subsection (2), for the words “five thousand rupees”, the words “fifty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

**6.** **Amendment in section 7 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981**.– In the Ordinance, in section 7, for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:

“(1) A Magistrate or an Assistant Commissioner, who has reason to believe that any offence punishable under this Act has been committed by any person, may enter the public place and arrest such person.”.

**7.** **Amendment in section 9 of Ordinance XXIII of 1981**.– In the Ordinance, in section 9, in subsection (1) for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Provincial Government” shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The proposed Bill aims at adapting the Ehtram-e-Ramazan Ordinance 1981 in the provincial context and also reasonably to increase the amount of fine fixed in 1981; hence this Bill.

 **MINISTER INCHARGE**

**Lahore: RAI MUMTAZ HUSSAIN BABAR**

**13 September 2017 Secretary**