**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

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

**23 August 2016**

**No.PAP/Legis-3(25)/2016/1459.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 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 CONSUMER PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016**

**Bill No. 29 of 2016**

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further to amend the Punjab Consumer Protection Act, 2005.

*Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Punjab Consumer Protection Act, 2005 (II of 2005), for the purpose hereinafter appearing;*

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement. — (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in Section 28 of Act II of 2005.— In the Punjab Consumer Protection Act, 2005 (II of 2005), in section 28, after the words “providing of services” the following proviso shall be inserted:

“Provided further that the consumer court shall appoint and get technical report from an independent technical/specialist in the relevant field before deciding any claim against Automobile, Electronics and Pharmaceutical companies.”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

It may be observed that the consumer court has decision on any claim only based on receipt of claim submitted by the consumer. It is needs the honourable consumer court to consider a technical/specialist report about faulty, defective and damages before deciding any claim against Automobile, Electronics and companies etc. Hence this Bill.

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**23 August 2016 Secretary**