

# PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

## NOTIFICATION

October 29, 2016

**No.PAP/Legis-2(122)/2016/1492.** The Punjab Maintenance of Public Order (Amendment) Bill 2016, having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on October 19, 2016, and assented to by the Governor of the Punjab on October 28, 2016, is hereby published as an Act of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab.

### THE PUNJAB MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) ACT 2016

#### ACT XLV OF 2016

*[First published, after having received the assent of the Governor of the Punjab, in the Gazette of the Punjab (Extraordinary) dated October 29, 2016.]*

#### An Act

*further to amend the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1960.*

It is necessary further to amend the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1960 (XXXI of 1960) to prevent increasing incidents of violence at health facilities and other sensitive public places by prohibiting armed persons from entering such places.

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

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order (Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment in section 2 of Ordinance XXXI of 1960.**— In the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1960 (XXXI of 1960), for brevity cited as the Ordinance, in section 2, after clause (d), the following clause (e) shall be inserted:

“(e) “Sensitive Public Place” means a public place where public generally gathers for any social, economic, religious, recreational or political activities and includes all Government offices and Government buildings, educational institutions, hospitals and other medical institutions, courts, worship places, recreational and amusement places or any other public place notified by the Government in the official Gazette as a sensitive public place.”.

**3. Insertion of section 5A in Ordinance XXXI of 1960.**— In the Ordinance, after section 5, the following section 5A shall be inserted:

**“5A. Prohibition of entry of armed persons.–** (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person, armed with a firearm weapon, shall not enter a sensitive public place.

(2) Where a security guard has been deployed or hired for the security of a sensitive public place, such security guard may enter the sensitive public place with prior permission of, and in the manner specified by, the authority appointing him as a security guard.

(3) If a person contravenes subsection (1), he shall be liable to punishment of imprisonment which shall not be less than seven days but may extend up to one year and fine which shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees but shall not exceed two hundred thousand rupees.”

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