

**THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (AMENDMENT)
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An Act further to amend the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997.

It is necessary further to amend the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (*XXXIV of 1997*) to rationalize the provisions about the delegation of powers of the Director General, filing of complaints and incidental matters.

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

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 5 of Act XXXIV of 1997.— In the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (*XXXIV of 1997*), for brevity cited as the Act, in section 5, for subsection (5), the following shall be substituted:

“(5) The Director General may, by general or special order, delegate any of the functions of the Provincial Agency exercised by him under subsection (4) to any other officer appointed under subsection (3).”.

3. Amendment in section 11 of Act XXXIV of 1997.— In the Act, in section 11, in subsection (1), after the words “standards established under”, the words “sub-clause (i) of” shall be omitted.

4. Amendment in section 21 of Act XXXIV of 1997.— In the Act, in section 21, in subsection (3), after the words “Provincial Agency”, wherever occur, the words “or an officer authorized by it” shall be inserted.

5. Amendment in section 34 of Act XXXIV of 1997.— In the Act, in section 34, after subsection (2), the following subsection (3) shall be added and shall be deemed to have been so added on and from 18 April 2012 when the Punjab Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act 2012 (*XXXV of 2012*) came into force:

“(3) Notwithstanding the omission of section 8 of the Act by the Punjab Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act 2012 (*XXXV of 2012*), any rules, regulations or appointments made, orders passed, notifications issued, powers delegated, contracts entered into, proceedings taken, rights acquired, liabilities incurred, penalties imposed, rates, fees or charges levied or other things done or actions taken under the provisions of said section, shall continue to have effect unless recalled withdrawn or cancelled.”.

¹This Act, which amended the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (*XXXIV of 1997*); was passed by the Punjab Assembly on 25 October 2017; assented to by the Governor of the Punjab on 30 October 2017; and, was published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 08 November 2017, pages 3139-40.