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**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH
NOTIFICATION
KARACHI, THE 24TH JULY, 2020.**

NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-16/2020-The following Bill is hereby published for general information as required by Rule 98 of Rules, of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh, 2013.

THE SINDH COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020.

SINDH BILL NO.16 OF 2020.

**A
BILL**

to amend the Sindh Covid-19 Emergency Relief Act, 2020.

WHEREAS to amend the Sindh Covid-19 Emergency Relief Act, 2020, in the manner hereinafter appearing; **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Covid-19 Emergency Relief (Amendment) Act, 2020. **Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In the Sindh Covid-19 Emergency Relief Act, 2020, in section 3 - **Amendment of section 3 of Sindh Act No. XII of 2020.**

(i) in sub-section (2), after clause (g), the following new clauses shall be added:-

- "(h) the Health Department, Government of Sindh shall motivate and encourage the people to conduct Covid-19 tests at prescribed health facilities free of cost in the Province through mass awareness campaign, workshops, seminars, electronic and print media;
- (ii) any person employed at any establishment who is tested positive for Covid-19 shall be allowed paid-leave for the period he remains in isolation and shall follow the Standard Operating Procedures prescribed by the Health Department during isolation; provided that Government shall provide financial assistance to daily wage workers who test positive and shall follow Standard Operating Procedures prescribed by the Health Department during the isolation period.";
- (iii) after sub-section (6), the following new sub-section shall be added:-
- "(7) It shall be mandatory for the person who visits any public place to wear face mask for the prescribed period to mitigate the spread of infection of Covid-19."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The COVID-19 Pandemic has disrupted lives of the people of the country as well as the Province of Sindh and has affected every sector of life.

In order to motivate and encourage the people to conduct the Covid-19 tests free of cost at prescribed facilities by the Health Department to mitigate the spread of infection of Covid-19 (ii) to provide relief to the employees who are tested positive of Covid-19 by allowing them paid leave (iii) to provide relief in the shape of the financial assistance by the Government to the daily wages employees working in the establishment and (iv) that to wear face mask to block transmission respiratory droplets released by infected people or asymptomatic of Covid-19, while breathing or talking and to provide exemption to children aging two years and less to wear of mask because the risk of suffocation, it is expedient to amend the subject law.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

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