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AN ACT to amend the Sindh Mass Transit Authority Act, 2014.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Sindh Mass Transit Authority Act, 2014, in the manner hereinafter appearing; **Preamble.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Mass Transit Authority(Amendment) Act, 2023. **Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In the Sindh Mass Transit Authority Act, 2014, hereinafter referred to as the said Act In the said Act, in section 6, in sub-section (2) – **Amendment of section 6 of Sindh Act No.XLII of 2013.**

(i) after clause (g), the following new clause shall be inserted:-

“(gg) procure, install, operate and maintain, auto faire collection (AFC) system;”;

(ii) after clause (h), the following new clause shall be inserted:-

“(hh) grant or obtain relevant license, permission for developers, operators to perform any work, services in respect of a scheme or a project including carrying out ancillary activities to raise non-fare revenue or imposing collecting fares, fines and penalties in respect of matters pertaining to mass transit system;”.

3. In the said Act, in section 10 – **Amendment of section 10 of Sindh Act No.XLII of 2013.**

(i) in sub-section (1), after the word “fine”, the words “as may be prescribed by rules” shall be inserted;

(ii) in sub-section (3), after the words “Sessions Judge”, the following shall be added:-

“Additionally a person who without permission enters into a corridor, station, or a depot or in any manner of interferes, obstructs or damages any corridor, station, depot, mass transit

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vehicle or insularly facilities or travels or attempts to travel on a mass transit vehicle without payment of fare, shall be deemed to have committed an offence under this Act and shall be liable to punishment of such fines as may be prescribed by rules.”;

(iii) after sub-section (5), the following new sub-sections shall be added:-

(6) If a person commits an offence under sub-section (2), and the Developer and/or Operator is authorized to impose or levy and collect the prescribed fines and on such collection, the same shall be deposited in the head of account as may be prescribed by rules.

(7) If any person fails to deposit the fine in the prescribed manner, such person shall be deemed to have committed an offence under this Act, and the officer, agent or authority, authorized in this behalf, may submit a complaint against such person in Court of competent jurisdiction for the fine to be recovered under this section.