

L. A. BILL No. LIII OF 2026.

A BILL

further to amend the Maharashtra Police Act and the Maharashtra Prohibition of Obscene Dance in Hotels, Restaurants and Bar Rooms and Protection of Dignity of Women (working therein) Act, 2016.

(As passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 7th July, 2026.)

(As passed by the Legislative Council on the 8th July, 2026.)

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WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Police Act and the Maharashtra Prohibition of Obscene Dance in Hotels, Restaurants and Bar Rooms and Protection of Dignity of Women (working therein) Act, 2016, for the purposes hereinafter appearing ; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Police and Maharashtra Short title.
Prohibition of Obscene Dance in Hotels, Restaurants and Bar Rooms and
Protection of Dignity of Women (working therein) (Amendment) Act, 2026.

CHAPTER II

AMENDMENTS TO THE MAHARASHTRA POLICE ACT.

Amendment of section 2 of XXII of 1951. **2.** In section 2 of the Maharashtra Police Act (hereinafter in this Chapter referred to as “the Police Act”), after clause (6A), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

“(6AA) “live music performance (orchestra) ” means a performance of singing either individually or in a group with or without playing music by use of musical instruments or recording devices, held in a hotel, restaurant or bar room ;”.

Amendment of section 33 of XXII of 1951.

3. In section 33 of the Police Act, in sub-section (1),—

(a) in clause (w), in sub-clause (i), after the words “or entertainment” the words “except a hotel, restaurant or bar room where live music performance (orchestra) is performed” shall be added ;

(b) in clause (wa), in sub-clause (i), after the words “the musical” the words “except live music performance (orchestra) performed in a hotel, restaurant or bar room” shall be inserted.

CHAPTER III

AMENDMENTS TO THE MAHARASHTRA PROHIBITION OF OBSCENE DANCE IN
HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND BAR ROOMS AND PROTECTION OF
DIGNITY OF WOMEN (WORKING THEREIN) ACT, 2016.

Mah. XII of 2016. **4.** In section 2 of the Maharashtra Prohibition of Obscene Dance in Hotels, Restaurants and Bar Rooms and Protection of Dignity of Women (working therein) Act, 2016 (hereinafter in this Chapter referred to as “the principal Act”), after clause (7), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

Amendment of section 2 of Mah. XII of 2016.

“ (7A) “live music performance (orchestra) ” means a performance of singing either individually or in a group with or without playing music by use of musical instruments or recording devices, held in a hotel, restaurant or bar room ;”.

5. In section 3 of the principal Act, after the word “dances” the words “or live music performance (orchestra)” shall be inserted.

Amendment of section 3 of Mah. XII of 2016.

**MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE
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**[SHRI DEVENDRA FADNAVIS,
Chief Minister.]**

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