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NOTIFICATION

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THE KERALA MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons, Financial Memorandum and Memorandum regarding Delegated Legislation is published, under rule 69 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Keralam Legislative Assembly.

Shaji C Baby,
Secretary-in-Charge

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Sixteenth Keralam Legislative Assembly
Bill No.17

THE KERALA MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION (AMENDMENT)

BILL, 2026

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BILL

further to amend the Kerala Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1976.

Preamble.- **WHEREAS**, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1976 (19 of 1976) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy -seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*- (1)This Act may be called the Kerala Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint.

2. *Amendment of the section 2.*-In section 2 of the Kerala Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1976 (19 of 1976) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),-

(a) the existing clause (fa) shall be relettered as clause (fb) and before clause (fb) as so relettered, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(fa) "removal fee" means fee for transporting the vehicle to the yard which is seized and detained under this Act;";

(b) after clause (g), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(ga)"storage fee" means fee charged for keeping the motor vehicle which are seized and detained under this Act;";

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(c) after clause (k), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(ka)"yard" means the Approved Vehicle Seizure Yard for keeping the vehicles which are seized and detained under this Act;".

3. *Amendment of section 11.*-In section 11 of the principal Act,-

(a) in sub-section (1), after the words "safe custody of that vehicle" the words "in the yard" shall be inserted;

(b) after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

"(1A) If a vehicle is seized and detained and kept in the safe custody in the yard under sub-section (1), before release of such vehicle from the yard under the provisions of this Act, removal fee and storage fee, as the case may be, shall be charged on such vehicle, in such manner and at such rates, as may be prescribed.".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 11 of the Kerala Motor Vehicles Taxation Act,1976 (19 of 1976) provides that any officer of the Motor Vehicles Department not below the rank of Assistant Motor Vehicles Inspector authorized by the Government or any police officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector may, if he has reason to believe that a taxable motor vehicle is used or kept for use in the State without paying tax, seize and detain that vehicle and make necessary arrangements for the safe custody of that vehicle pending production of proof of payment of tax. Since, adequate and suitable Government land with necessary facilities for the safe custody of seized vehicles is not available for the purpose, the provisions of the said Act could not therefore be enforced effectively. Accordingly, the Government have decided to set up Approved Vehicle Seizure Yards (AVSY) in all taluks of Kerala.

2 .The Bill is intended to achieve the above object.

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill, if enacted and brought into operation, would not involve any additional expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Sub-section (1A) of section 11 proposed to be inserted in the principal Act by sub-clause (b) of clause 3 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to make rules by prescribing the rate and manner of removal fee and storage fee.

2. The matters in respect of which rules may be made are matters of procedure and are of routine or of administrative in nature. Further, the rules so made are subject to the scrutiny of Legislative Assembly. The delegation of legislative power is, thus, of a normal character.

C. P. JOHN

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