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*further to amend the Kerala Police Act, 1960.*

*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Police Act, 1960 for the purposes hereinafter appearing ;

BE it enacted in the Sixtieth Year of the Republic of India, as follows :—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Police (Amendment) Act, 2009.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 18th day of January, 1984.

2. *Amendment of section 69.*—In section 69 of the Kerala Police Act, 1960 (5 of 1961) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in sub section (1), after the words “make rules”, the words “either prospectively or retrospectively” shall be inserted.

3. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The Kerala Police (Amendment) Ordinance, 2009 (15 of 2009), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Since there was no enabling provision in the Kerala Police Act, 1960 (5 of 1961), empowering the Government to issue Rules retrospectively, Government have, therefore, decided to amend sub-section (1) of section 69 of the said Act to empower the Government to issue Rules with retrospective effect.

2. As the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala was not in session and as the above proposal had to be given effect to immediately, the Kerala Police (Amendment) Ordinance, 2009 was promulgated by the Governor of Kerala

on the 1st day of June, 2009 and the same was published in the Kerala Gazette extraordinary No. 974 dated 1st June, 2009 as Ordinance No. 12 of 2009.

3. As a Bill to replace Ordinance No. 12 of 2009 could not be introduced in, and passed by the Legislative Assembly during its session which commenced on the 22nd day of June, 2009 and ended on the 24th day of July, 2009 the Kerala Police (Amendment) Ordinance, 2009 (15 of 2009) was promulgated by the Governor of the Kerala on the 1st day of August, 2009 and was published in the Kerala Gazettee extraordinary No. 1410 dated 1st August, 2009.

4. The Bill seeks to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature.

#### FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

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

#### MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Sub-section (1) of section 69 proposed to be amended by clause 2 of the Bill seeks to empower the Government to make rules either prospectively or retrospectively.

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

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