

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE (KERALA) AMENDMENT BILL

A Bill to amend Section 378 of the Criminal Procedure Code to avoid duplication of the procedure firstly seeking leave to appeal against an order of acquittal before the High Court and again for posting the case for admission. This is actually duplication of the procedure.

Be it enacted in the Fifty ninth year of the Republic of India

1. *Short Title and Commencement.*—(1) This act may be called the Code of Criminal Procedure (Kerala) Amendment Act,—

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Kerala.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may notify in the Gazette after obtaining the assent of the President of India.

2. *Amendment of Section 378.*—After Section 378 (6) the following may be inserted as sub-section (7).

“(7) If leave is granted under sub-section (3) of the Act the appeal memorandum shall be entertained in the Registry and notice shall be issued as soon as it is received.”

Statement of objects and reasons

This Act is intended to make an amendment to Section 378 of the Criminal Procedure Code to avoid duplication of the procedure in posting the appeal for hearing after bear is granted court to file and appeal against an order of acquittal.