

KERALA HIGHWAY PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL

A bill to amend the Kerala Highway Protection Act, 1999.

Preamble.—WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Highway Protection Act, 1999 for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Fifty ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and Commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Highway Protection (Amendment) Act, —.

(2) It shall come in to force at once.

2. *Amendment of Section 2.*—In Section 2 of the Kerala Highway Protection Act, 1999 (6 of 2000) (hereinafter referred as the Principal Act),—

(i) For clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(c) ‘Building line’ the stretch of 35 meters of land from the central line of the National Highways, 20 meters from the State Highways and 15 meters from the District roads”;

(ii) For clause (e), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

(e) “control line” means the stretch of 45 meters of land from the control line of the National Highways, 25 meters from the State Highways and 20 meters from the District road.”

3. *Substitution of Section 18.*—Section 18 of the Principal Act shall be substituted with the following namely,—

“18. *Publication of building line and control line.*—The distance of the building line and control line of different categories of roads shall be published by the competent authority in the Gazette for information of the public.”

Statement of Objects and Reasons

Vacant spaces adjacent to National Highways, State Highways and District roads need to be protected from encroachment by powerful elements for construction of buildings and other structures prevented for providing smooth traffic with revision for future expansion of roads. The distance from the roads to the buildings assumes great importance. This amendment seeks to achieve the above said purpose.