THE KERALA MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION (AMENDMENT) BILL , 2026

(As Passed by the Assembly on the 28th day of October 2026)

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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 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 charged 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 vehicles which are seized and detained under this Act;";

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

"(ka) "yard" means the Vehicle Seizure Yard approved by the Government 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, detained and kept in 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.".