L. C. BILL No. XV OF 2025.

A BILL

further to amend the Maharashtra Prevention of Begging Act.

(As passed by the Legislative Council on the 10ᵗʰ December, 2025.)

(As passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 11ᵗʰ December, 2025.)

X of 1960.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Prevention of Begging Act for the purposes hereinafter appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Prevention of Begging (Amendment) Act, 2025.

Short title.

X of 1960.

2. In section 2 of the Maharashtra Prevention of Begging Act (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), in sub-section *(1),-*

Amendment of section 2 of X of 1960.

Bom. LXXI of 1948.
2 of 2016.

(*a*) in clause (*iv*), for the words and figures "the Bombay Children Act, 1948" the words, brackets and figures "the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015" shall be substituted;

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

"(*iv-a*) "Child Welfare Committee" means the Child Welfare Committee constituted under section 27 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015;" ;

2 of 2016.

(*c*) clause (*vi*) shall be deleted.

3. In section 3 of the principal Act, the words "a Juvenile Court" shall be deleted.

4. In section 4 of the principal Act, in sub-section (*3*), for the words and figures "section 61 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898" the words and figures "section 58 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023" shall be substituted.

V of 1898.
46 of 2023.

5. In section 5 of the principal Act, sub-section (*9*) shall be deleted.

6. In section 8 of the principal Act, in sub-section (*4*), for the words and figures "section 488 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898" the words and figures "section 144 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023" shall be substituted.

V of 1898.
46 of 2023.

7. In section 9 of the principal Act,-

(*1*) in sub-section (*2*),-

(*a*) for the portion beginning with the words "to a Juvenile Court" and ending with the words "of that section", the following portion shall be substituted, namely :-

"to the Child Welfare Committee which shall deal with the Child as per the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015:";

2 of 2016.

(*b*) in the proviso, the words "a contagious leper or" shall be deleted;

(*2*) in sub-section (*3*), for the words and figures "section 61 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898" the words and figures "section 58 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023" shall be substituted.

V of 1898.
46 of 2023.

8. In section 26 of the principal Act,-

(*a*) in the marginal note, the words "leprosy patients and" shall be deleted;

(*b*) in sub-section (*1*), the words "or a leper", at both the places where they occur, and the words "or leper asylum" shall be deleted;

(*c*) in sub-section (*2*), the words "or is cured of leprosy" shall be deleted;

(*d*) for sub-section (*3*), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

"(*3*) The provisions of section 18 of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 shall apply to every beggar confined in a mental hospital under sub-section (*1*) after the expiration of the period for which he was ordered to be detained; and the time during which a beggar is confined in a mental hospital under that sub-section shall be reckoned as part of the period for which he may have been ordered by the Court to be detained:

10 of 2017.

Provided that, where the removal of a beggar due to unsoundness of mind is immediately necessary, it shall be open to the authorities of the Institution in which the beggar is detained to apply to a Court having jurisdiction under said Act, for an immediate order of committal to a mental hospital until such time as the order of the State Government can be obtained in the matter.".

9. In section 30 of the principal Act,-

Amendment of section 30 of X of 1960.

(*a*) in sub-section (*2*), for the words and figures "section 6B of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890" the words and figures "section 35 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960" shall be substituted;

XI of 1890.
59 of 1960.

(*b*) in sub-section (*3*), for the words and figures "section 15 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890" the words and figures "section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960" shall be substituted;

XI of 1890.
59 of 1960.

(*c*) in sub-section (*4*), for the words and figures "section 15 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890" the words and figures "section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960" shall be substituted.

XI of 1890.
59 of 1960.

10. In section 32 of the principal Act, for the words "the Indian Penal Code" the words and figures "the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023" shall be substitued.

45 of 1860.
45 of 2023.

Amendment of section 32 of X of 1960.

11. In section 33 of the principal Act, for the words and figures "the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898" the words and figures "the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023" shall be substituted.

V of 1898.
46 of 2023.

Amendment of section 33 of X of 1960.

12. In section 34 of the principal Act, for the words and figures "the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898" the words and figures "the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023" shall be substituted.

V of 1898.
46 of 2023.

Amendment of section 34 of X of 1960.

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